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THE LIFE HE LIVED

A Chronicle of Becoming

This chapter captures the rich tapestry of his life, from humble beginnings to remarkable milestones. It's a journey through the decades, documenting his education, career, values, and the many roles he carried with grace: son, husband, father, leader, and nobleman. A legacy carefully built, remembered here in full.

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Building with Light: The Legacy of Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin Iwuoha!

Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze–Ebubedike Iwuoha was born on November 16, 1948, in Umunchi community of Umuarisim Ama, a part of the Mbano region in the old Okigwe Zone of Nigeria's Eastern Region, now known as Isiala Mbano Local Government Area of Imo State, Nigeria. True to his name, Benjamin, he lived his life as the "Son of the Right Hand," a warrior for Christ, and throughout his life, he represented as his name "Alaeze Ebubedike", a gentle warrior, an impactful community leader, building and encouraging peace in his wake. For those who knew him, he was both mountain and meadow; strong, wise, and endlessly gentle. The foundation of a remarkable legacy.

Noble Sir Benjamin Iwuoha was the first son and the fifth child of nine children born to Iwuoha Duruchukwu and Anna Uchezu Iwuoha, seven of whom survived to adulthood. He lost his dad at the young age of eight and was raised by his widowed mother. His bond with his siblings was deep and unwavering, especially with his beloved sister, Helen Iwuoha. Their relationship was a cornerstone of his life, and Helen's devotion remained steadfast, staying by his side through every phase, even at his dying bed. Among the seven siblings who reached adulthood, only three now remain, they are Helen Iwuoha, Felicia Okoro, and Gethrude Apugo, each having a meaningful presence in the arc of his life.
Education, for Benjamin, was never merely about books but about shaping character and purpose. He believed that we start dying, when we stop learning, and we are never too old to learn something new, and he lived by this rule, always evolving and developing himself. He began his schooling at Central School Umunchi where he earned his standard six certificate, now known as the first school leaving certificate, before moving to OSU Technical College for his secondary education, where he would later serve also as their first senior prefect and earn the first distinction in the school. However. as Nigeria's political landscape shifted with the eruption of the Civil War, so did Benjamin's path. Alaeze Ebubedike as his name refers, he was a young man ready to serve his people. He joined the Biafran Army during the Nigerian Civil War, where he rose to the rank of First Lieutenant. This journey would define his early leadership.

At the end of Nigeria's civil war, he returned not just to resume his education but to reclaim his future with renewed vigour. Completing his studies in Electrical Installation Works at OSU Technical College in 1973. He became a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical, Electronics and Technical Engineers, London, in 1980 (*This institution later became part of what is now known as the Institution of Engineering and* Technology (IET)). He was also registered as a Technician Engineer (CEI) by the Engineers Registration (ERB) under the Council of Engineering Institutions (CEI), in the same year,1980. *The CEI was replaced by the Engineering Council UK in 1996*.

He would later study at the Rivers State University of Science and Technology, graduating student as the best graduating student of his class, with a Second-Class Upper Division (2:1) from dept of tech and science education (elect -elect option) in 1999/2000. His academic success was a testament to his resilience, shaped by the adversity of his formative years, and he continued to study and improve on his knowledge.

Professionally, Noble Sir Benjamin's career was a reflection of his commitment to excellence and service. Beginning with Santa Fe Engineering, where he started off as a rig hand, upon completion of his technical education. He moved on to Nigerian Engineering Works (NEW), and later, Alcan Aluminum, a company that would eventually evolve into First Aluminum Nigeria PLC. It was here that Benjamin's life took another pivotal turn when he met Christiana Ulunma Iwuozor, the woman who would become his partner in both life and business; Noble Lady Christiana Ulunma Benjamin – Iwuoha. He met his wife in 1977, though Late Mr Ako, who served as an accountant at the school she attended. Benjamin and Christy had their traditional wedding in 1980, and eventually tied the knot in the

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Catholic Church on April 5, 1981. Together, they founded Bagica Enterprises Nigeria Limited, an engineering firm specializing in electrical works.
Their marriage and partnership, built on a foundation of love, faith and mutual respect, produced seven exceptional children:

- Engr. Dayan Ezenwa Benjy–Iwuoha
- Boma Bernice Wesley–Onugha, Msc
- Arc. Eghelle Chidi Siene (PhD)
- Chika Mercy Benjy–Iwuoha, Msc
- Engr. Chuba Justin Benjy–Iwuoha
- Chukwuebuka John–Noble Benjy–Iwuoha (Arc)
- Chibuike Promise Benjy–Iwuoha

To his community, Benjamin was not just a name, but a legacy. His generosity touched the lives of countless young people whom he sponsored through school and vocational training, to ensure that he could help as many people as he could become self reliant. He embodied the Igbo adage, ***"Ugboguru m m rara nwunye m, ka m r asaa nke" which translates to "Let everyone have their own means of sustenance, so that no one becomes a burden on another".*** He brought electricity to his hometown, Umuarisim Ama, and neighbouring villages, Umunchi community Health Centre, Umueze, Opara na Duru and among others, a true embodiment of his commitment to empowerment, progress and community development. He was the Founder and Chairman of Umunchi Social Club and served as Chairman, Mbano Social Club PH Branch, from the 80's until he joined the Noble Order of the Knights of St. Johns International in 1990.

Faith was at the core of everything for Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin A Iwuoha. He played a crucial role in moving CKC Umumchi from an out station to a Parish, donating land for the church for erection of its parish house. He also made notable contributions to St. Paul's Parish in Osu the pioneer parish in. In Port Harcourt, where he lived for most of his adult life, Noble Sir Benjamin A Iwuoha served in several capacities in the Catholic Church, he served as Vice President of The Catholic Men Organization (CMO), alongside Late Mr Igebu, he was Stewardship Committee Chairman and building Committee Chairman at Mater Misericordiae Catholic Church, that was responsible for the infrastructural development that brought Mater Misericordiae Catholic Church Rumuomasi in conformity with the present millennium! His service to the church was steadfast. He received an award honouring his service at Mater Misericordiae Catholic Church and was honoured as an Ambassador at CKC Umumchi, his hometown.

He joined the Noble Order of the Knights of St. John International (KSJI) in 1990 and served faithfully in several capacities from the Old Nigerian Grand, to Owerri Grand and the current Port Harcourt Grand Commandery. He was Grand Secretary at Commandery 460, Assistant Grand Secretary for Owerri Grand Commandery, Grand Inspector Port Harcourt Grand, Treasurer Edmund Fibson Chapter of the Chevalier, and was serving as 2nd vice of Edmund Fibson Chapter of Chevalier until his death. At the time of his death, he was a Major in the Noble Order of the Knights of St. Johns International (KSJI).

The home of Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze Iwuoha, both in Umumchi and Port Harcourt, were open to clergy, seminarians, and those in need. Many seminarians found a benefactor in Sir Benjamin, whose support shaped their spiritual journeys. His commitment to the church's mission and his deep sense of duty never wavered.

Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin Iwuoha's legacy is one of service, of making the world better through action, faith, and education. His contributions to his family, community development, and religious service earned him numerous accolades, and his influence will be felt for generations to come.

On April 4, 2025, Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze Iwuoha passed away, leaving behind a legacy that speaks to the heart of what it means to love, to lead, to serve, and to inspire.

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At the time of his passing, he had authored four books all complete manuscripts in the process of publication a testament to a life of reflection, wisdom, and legacy still unfolding. Among them is *A Soldier's Path, A Man's Story The War Memoir of a Subaltern*, a deeply personal account of his early years in Eastern Nigeria and his unexpected journey through the Nigerian Civil War. The memoir traces his path from a hopeful technical college student to an officer in the Biafran Army, navigating the thin line between fear and duty. With clarity and restraint, he recounts the brutal realities of war, the resilience it forged in him, and the lessons it etched into memory. His intent was not to stir conflict, but to honour the fallen, contribute to the historical record, and offer future generations the truth of what he lived through with hope, dignity, and courage.

Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze–Ebubedike Iwuoha will be deeply missed by his beloved family, the Church he so faithfully served, the community he so generously uplifted, and all whose lives were shaped by his unwavering kindness, wisdom, and service.

Yet, in every life he touched, in every light he ignited, and in every path, he paved for others to follow, his legacy lives on. Like the sturdy oak tree that gives shade long after it falls, his impact will continue to shelter and inspire generations to come. Many of those lives he touched have shared their own accounts in the tributes that follow in the next pages, filled with personal encounters and heartfelt memories.

We mourn his passing, but we celebrate a life that was wholly and beautifully lived.

The Torchbearer Now Rests But His Light Guides On...

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A LEGACY THROUGH GENERATIONS

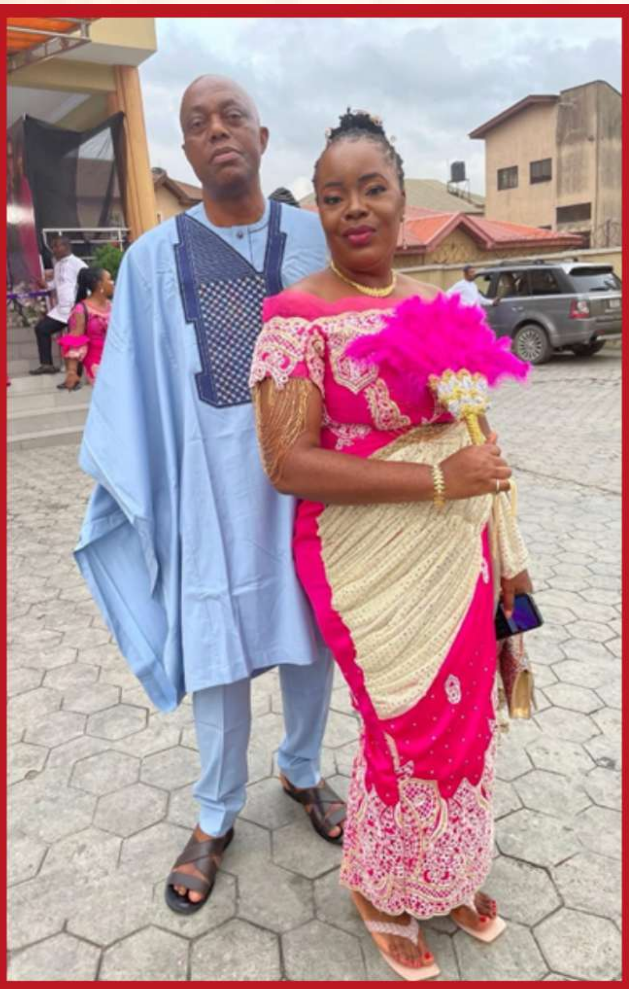
The following section highlights his beloved wife, children, and their families, a testament to the rich legacy he has built and the lives he continues to shape through love, leadership, and example.

Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze Iwuoha and his Wife

ENGR. DAYAN EZENWA BENJY IWUOHA AND FAMILY
(First Son)

BOMA WESLEY ONUGHA AND FAMILY
(First Daughter)

CHIDI SIENE EGHELLE AND FAMILY
(Second Daughter)



CHIKA BENJY – IWUOHA AND FAMILY
(Third Daughter Daughter)

ENGR. CHUBA JUSTIN BENJY – IWUOHA
(Second Son)

ARC. CHUKWUEBUKA JOHN-NOBLE BENJY – IWUOHA
(Third Son)

CHIBUIKE PROMISE BENJY – IWUOHA
(Last Son)

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ECHOES OF THE HEART: TRIBUTES FROM FAMILY

Where Love Speaks Loudest

In the quiet voices of those closest to him, his wife, children, grandchildren, and siblings, his true essence comes alive. This chapter holds tributes woven with personal memories, gratitude, humour, and enduring love. The heartbeat of home, echoing long after farewell.

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"A LOVE THAT TRANSCENDS TIME: MY FOREVER, MY EBY, MY EBUBEDIKE"

Dear AB,

I am still grappling with the shock of losing you. The grief is still so raw, and every moment feels heavy. The pain of losing you is only compounded by the fact that the very next day, Saturday, 5th of April, was supposed to mark our 44th wedding anniversary. It was meant to be a day of celebration, but instead, my mind echoes with memories of a lifetime together, a film of our shared journey that I never want to forget. If I had any choice, I would hold on to those memories forever.

Though you have passed on, your spirit lives on in me, our children, and in the many lives you touched. Your impact continues to inspire and guide us every day.

You were everything to me, husband, brother, father, boyfriend, and mentor. You cared for me in ways I can hardly describe, teaching me as if I were your child, yet always respecting me as your equal. You loved me with a devotion that made me feel cherished, and your love carried me through every challenge. You protected me, supported me, and celebrated every step of progress I made in life.

Your sense of humour was a light in my life, and your humility gave me strength beyond measure. You were the force behind everything I've achieved, my education, my career, and every position I've held. I owe so much of who I am to you.

You built bridges between families, making sure your parents, my parents, and all our siblings became the best of friends, bound by love and respect. You made family a place of unity and peace.

As a father, you were unmatched. You were not just a father, but also a friend to our children. Despite your busy schedule, you took the time to teach them the values that matter most, Catholic catechism, Latin prayers, and hymns. You were devoted to their physical and spiritual needs, ensuring they grew up grounded in faith and love.

You also introduced me to the Knights of St. John International when we were still young in our marriage. You didn't just teach me the life of a Knight; you embodied those principles. You supported me in every office I held, and together, we navigated our roles in the community with pride and purpose.

You lived for me, for the children, for the church, for our community, and for your friends. I always thought our life would continue in this quiet, blissful harmony for many more years. But God called you home, for your work here was done, and He needed you by His side. Though my heart aches, I know that He has a plan for you, and I am thankful that He gave you to me.

I will carry the memories of you in my heart forever. You had so much love to give, and you touched the lives of everyone who came across you. The children and I will continue to live by your teachings, your love, your protection, and the fatherly warmth you shared with us.
Eby, I miss you more than words can express. I know that I will continue to miss you every day until the day we are reunited. Until that moment comes, I will hold onto the love you gave, knowing that we will part no more.

Adieu, My Hero.
Adieu, Ebubedike.
Adieu, My Love.
Noble Lady Christiana Ulunma Benjamin – Iwuoha

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TRIBUTE TO MY HERO

The passing of my dad left a void in my life that's impossible to fill, but his memory is a constant source of light and guidance even during this time that I am being tested. I should have written this article or a heartfelt letter for a late father, however the most I can do is pray that my message reaches him in heaven. God knows how much I miss him and how much I dream that I can hug him one more time.

My father was a man of unparalleled integrity. He believed in doing the right thing, even when it was hard or unpopular. His honesty and strong moral compass were clear in everything he did, from his career to his relationships with family and friends. He taught me that integrity isn't just about honesty, it's about being true to yourself and your beliefs.

At his core, Dad was a family man. His love for Mom was a beautiful example of partnership and commitment. My father was tough when it comes to discipline. As a father, he was patient, kind, and always there for me when I needed him. He never missed a milestone and was always so proud of everything I accomplished.

Dad had a way of giving advice without making it sound like a lecture. His words were thoughtful and rooted in experience. Whether it was about dealing with life's ups and downs or making important decisions, his advice was always spot on. He taught me to approach life with curiosity and an open mind, always ready to learn something new.
Dad was one tough cookie. He faced life's challenges with courage and grace, never letting them define him. His ability to stay positive and hopeful, even in the face of adversity, was truly inspiring. He taught me that strength isn't just about being physically strong, it's about having emotional fortitude and the ability to stay focused.

Even though Dad isn't here physically anymore, his legacy lives on in the values he instilled in me. I strive to honour his memory by living a life of integrity, showing love and kindness to others, and finding joy in the simple things. His influence is woven into who I am, and I'm forever grateful for the time we shared.

As I reflect on Dad's life, I can't help but feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude. He wasn't just an amazing father; he was an incredible human being. His love, wisdom, and strength continue to guide me, and his memory is a source of comfort and inspiration. Even though he's gone, his spirit lives on in those he touched, and his legacy will always be a part of me.

Dad, I miss you so much. God knows how I want to see you again and tell you the things I never said when you were here. All I can hope is that my message reaches heaven. Your life was a gift, and your memory will forever be a treasure.

Farewell Dad,
Your son,
Engr Dayan Benjy-Iwuoha

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A TRIBUTE TO MY FATHER, ENGR. SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA.

From Your Daughter, Your First Girl, Your Mirror
How do you begin to write about your first love?
How do you find words big enough for the kind of man who was both mountain and meadow strong, wise, and endlessly gentle?

My father, Engr. Sir Benjamin Alaeze Iwuoha, wasn't just a parent. He was the anchor of our family. A quiet leader. A man of truth, dignity, and great depth. He raised seven of us in a home filled with love, rooted in Catholic faith, and guided by example, not force. He was the kind of man who never raised his voice, and still managed to command deep respect. I didn't know fathers like him were rare until I left home.

He taught me to speak with confidence, to listen with discernment, and to believe in myself. That self-assuredness I wear today? It's all him. He showed us the strength in calm and kindness, he showed us that one didn't need to be loud to be heard, or harsh to be respected. His life was proof that gentle can be mighty.

He taught us to accept our mistakes and reminded us that we were never too old to learn. And he lived that lesson. Constantly evolving, curious, and adventurous. He followed his dreams without fear. And did he try new things? Oh Yes, he did!. So much so that he once starred in a Nollywood movie! Yes, our Engr. Benjamin always surprising, always inspiring.

Sir Ben was confident enough to know that his wife's successes were not his failures. He taught us, by quiet example, that we never needed to dim another's light for ours to shine. The sky, he often reminded us, is wide enough for as many eagles as dare to soar.

He created a home where malice did not exist. I genuinely thought “malice” was just another English word for the books, until I stepped into the wider world. That's how peaceful, gracious, and forgiving his spirit was and how contagious it became in our home.
People have questioned why I took my time to settle down. Perhaps I was searching for him. For a man with his steadiness, brilliance, and grace.

You never wanted to disappoint him, but you never feared him either. Because he raised us to know that home was a safe place a place you could always return to without shame. He made sure we were strong enough to face the world, but never too proud to come home and recoup.

Reading through his books and memoirs, I see even more clearly now what a treasure we've lost. And the weight of that loss is overwhelming. I don't think I will ever get over it, nor do I want to. Some loves aren't meant to be “gotten over.”
It breaks my heart that my children will never meet him. But as always, in his thoughtful, prophetic way, he prepared for that too. He left behind stories in his own words, books with his voice on the pages, and lessons that will live beyond us so that one day, when my children ask what kind of man their grandfather was, I can show them. And they will know.

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Sometimes I catch myself mirroring him without even realizing it. His administrative nature, for instance, yes, engineers are often thought to be scattered or disorganized, but my own Engr. Benjamin was the exception. Every page he wrote was dated, signed, his t's crossed, and i's dotted. He was meticulous, composed, and intentional and I now see how much of that I've taken from him. Even our tastes how I love the same kinds of food he did and avoided the same things.

I can go on, but…
He raised me without raising his voice and signed his life, like his notes, with quiet clarity and timeless grace.

He was not just my father. He was my standard.
And I will carry him with me always in the way I love, lead, speak, and believe.

Always your daughter.
Always your mirror.
Always your girl.

Boma Wesley – Onugha

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LETTER TO MY DADDY - SIR B. A IWUOHA.

Dear Daddy,

This is two days past the deadline for submitting tributes to you, and I haven't still found the right words. You should see the tributes that we have received and how much you impacted people. The heartfelt eulogies are a testament to the lives you touched. So what more can I say or write?

Should I talk about your commitment to faith and family; your uncommon intelligence and wisdom; or how unassuming you were despite being a fountain of knowledge in many regard?
As the days go by, the reality of your passing settles gradually on me and it's still a struggle referring to you in past tense. Portraits of you seem very alive, making this whole thing surreal.

Dear Daddy, I can describe you in a billion words but; Peace, Faith and Wisdom will always summarize the legacy you have left behind.

I miss you, but I am encouraged every time I remember that you are now occupying your rightful place, as your name indicates - BENJAMIN (Son of My Right Hand). For you are truly sitting in heavenly places with Jesus Christ (Eph.2:6), at God's right hand.

I love you Daddy... and on a lighter note. You will be glad to know that your 'brothers and sisters' (as we often teased you about the KSJI), are standing with you and with us.
Rest in perfect peace - Sir B.A Iwuoha!

Your Daughter,
Chidi Eghelle

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TO MY DEAR DADDY

Daddy,

I never knew grief, Daddy, until you left.
They say that in time, I'll look at your pictures and smile instead of cry. I'm waiting for that time.
Every time I sit in church, I feel you there with me. But I also feel a deep sadness, knowing how much you loved Easter and all the solemn preparations that came with it. I feel as though you've been robbed of the opportunity to celebrate something you cherished so much. Still, I find consolation in the way you touched everyone you met. Even in the depths of my grief, hearing the testimonies of people whose lives you impacted brings me some comfort.
You always taught me to live unapologetically. I remember as a child, people would call me “talkative”, but you told me, “No, it's intelligence. Just think before you speak.” That one sentence shaped the way I saw myself. You trusted me to know what's right and supported every decision I made. You were my first love, not just because every girl says that about her dad, but because you truly were my safe place, the one person I never had to pretend with. You supported every decision I made and showed me, through the way you loved Mummy, what real love, respect, and stability look like. Your quiet strength, unwavering presence, and deep kindness gave me the confidence to believe in a secure and balanced life. What I didn't fully understand until I was over 30 years old was that you cried when I cried. Your heart broke when mine did. But you carried it all with such calm, staying objective through every storm I faced. Your passing has profoundly made sense of grief as the price you pay for love.

I recall when I was in primary school, leading the troops straight to your room as soon as you returned from work. We'd all jump on your bed, blowing raspberries on your navel, laughing so hard. The grown-ups would come in, trying to restore order, asking us to leave so you could get some rest, and sending us off to the living room. But the minute they left, we'd sneak back in through the connecting doors from our room. As soon as you noticed us approaching, you would recline and allow us to continue playing, as though we had not just been told off. Looking back at those days now, and knowing how exhausted I get after work, I truly don't understand how you never once raised your voice or locked us out.

Daddy, you lived your life with quiet strength, always putting family first and thinking of togetherness. You always used the word “we” instead of “I”, and I would often laugh about it. But as I advanced in age, I understood that it was your way of showing us how deeply you loved and how you never saw yourself apart from Mum or any of us. It signified your unwavering commitment to us all, a commitment you upheld from my birth until your last breath. Even now, in your absence, I continue to hear it; it serves as a daily reminder of the kind, selfless man you were.

You are the most selfless person I've ever known. I look at pictures from your visit just seven months ago, and I still can't comprehend how someone so full of life could be gone. The condolence cards, flowers, and messages come in abundance; though very much appreciated, none of them bring relief. Maybe, Daddy, I don't even want relief. Maybe I just want to sit on a little stool in the corner of the conservatory, right next to where you used to sit and watch me work, and bawl my eyes out until you walk back in and say it was all a prank.

When I drive through the country roads, I remember the jokes you always made sitting beside me. At first, after you passed, I would cry profusely on those drives. Now, I find myself simply imagining you cracking jokes with the angels and pointing down at me, saying, “That's my little girl.”

You always waited up for me whenever I was out or travelling for work. Who will provide me with that same level of

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support now? You were a man with presence; you never asked for much, spoke very few words, but always passed a clear message. I haven't known anyone else who is so humble, forthright and consistent.
You built a home where love and support were the default. Your consistent efforts to nurture and uplift Mummy (polishing her wings) served as a reminder that she is your wife first and our mother second. That taught us respect, unity, and to cheer for one another; hence, we have no feuds, no grudges, just family, and so much love. You gave me the confidence to fully enjoy my rights as a true Benjy-Iwuoha, especially when it came to “borrowing” things from my siblings “LOL”.
I often heard mentioning your name in places opened so many doors for friends and family whilst in Nigeria, but didn't understand that quite well until I moved here and discovered that you were goodwill personified, with people I had never met or known before all checking to ensure I was alright because my dad is Benjamin Iwuoha. Then I realised why you always said, “A good name is better than money.”

You taught me to plan ahead, always saying, “Failure to plan is a plan to fail.” I remember after my Junior WAEC, I was being placed in a pure science class, and I wasn't happy. I expressed to you and Mummy my desire to pursue a career in accounting. Both of you asked the right questions and then supported my choice. I still remember the day you took me to the bookshelf, showed me volumes of accounting books, and said, "You've decided to become an accountant. We will support you, but know this: studying accounting without an accounting qualification makes you a bookkeeper, and anyone can be a bookkeeper.” That moment lit the success flare in me. You seized every teaching moment to drop in a nugget of wisdom. Occasionally I sit back and smile at your quotes, which I'm now passing on to my children. I'm saddened each time I remember that you're never going to be at the launch of all your books, not even the launch of “Quotable Quotes”.

Today I am comforted by the memories we shared, knowing you loved me deeply. You stood by me, with me, and for me through life's toughest moments. Though it's hard to imagine a world without you, I carry you with me in how I live, love, and remember. More than anything, I got to call you Daddy, and you were the best of them all.
I miss you more than words can hold; I love you so very much.
Thank you for being my Daddy.
Chika

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My Father, my teacher, writing about in terms of 'was' by far the most daunting reality of your demise. There are so many things I could say about you, yet Words can't Express who you were to me or what I am feeling, because of you the world always made sense even in the craziest of times.
You gave me courage, you gave me values, you showed me that it is possible, I could only wish you didn't leave but even on wishful thinking you gave me a sermon. You had an explanation for everything or a liking to a historic event, every instance was a teachable moment, our very own living encyclopaedia.

My loving father, a true leader in every sense, the countless lives you touched with your kindness and generosity is evidence of who you are. Your unwavering commitment to your faith is testament of your strength. You commanded the respect of everyone you came across effortlessly. A man of rare honour and nobility, an embodiment of discipline.

You were a pillar of guiding light and source of inspiration, not just for your family and community but also for everyone fortunate enough to meet you. With you, we had it all, Daddy was complete, yes, he was, the fun filled moments, quiet conversations, your jokes, corrections and counsel, for this I am eternally grateful.

The world is a different place today for you are no more with us. I will hold firmly to the memories; I will hold unto the countless lessons. Your shoes are unfillable, your crown unfittable, we can only try to carry on your legacy for we are well aware that you are irreplaceable. I will do my best to imitate, hopefully my best impression of you is sufficient.

I love you Daddy, I will always do.

Your Son
Engr. Chuba Benjy – Iwuoha

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TO MY BELOVED FATHER

I've been sobbing since the 4th of April, because I have been recalling blissful experiences with you which were numerous. I have been sobbing also because I have no one to make me understand the importance of decisions I make. Death is painful, it comes when least expected. I recall seeing you on the 29th of March, and I told you I am coming the next weekend to see you, but death came early hours of the weekend.

Dad, you were a luminous guide, and I am tracing your paths. I will continue pushing forward with unwavering focus on the goal. No words can truly capture my feelings, nor can they do justice to your story. Despite all these, I know, you are with the Lord, because the Lord knows what is best and I pray the Lord, grants you peace in his bosom.

Amen.
Arc. Ebuka Benjy – Iwuoha

Echoes From The Heart: Tributes From Family

A TRIBUTE TO MY FATHER, MY HERO

Today, I write this with a heart that is heavy, eyes filled with tears, and a soul struggling to understand how the world keeps turning without you in it. Daddy, you were more than a father to me — you were my friend, my confidant, my mentor, and my hero.

From the moment I came into this world, you called me (Chukwubuikem) and always used your special pet name *Chimboy* — a name only you could make sound so special. That name echoed your warmth, your pride, and the depth of your love for me. Whenever you wanted to call me by my first name (Promise) you called out in full *Gods Promise Never Fails* a very intentional act. You saw me before the world did. You believed in me even when I doubted myself. You never just raised a son; you raised a man.

You were the kind of man who didn't just preach values, you lived them. Sincerity, honesty, humility, discipline, and integrity weren't just things you spoke about; they were the pillars of your life. You always said what needed to be said, no sugarcoating, no hiding. Just truth. And somehow, even the hardest truths sounded like wisdom when they came from you.

Your love for God and family was unmatched. The most important thing to you wasn't money, status, or recognition. It was always about faith, and about us. You walked with God, not just in words, but in your actions. You showed me how to pray, how to trust, how to forgive, and how to love unconditionally.

You never liked to stress anyone, even when you were hurting. Even in your final moments, you worried more about how we would feel than about your own pain. That selflessness, Daddy, is something I will carry with me forever.
We made beautiful memories, even in your final days. I remember the laughter we shared, how you still cracked jokes and gave advice from your bed. I'll never forget when you offered to help me write a few of my songs, “imagine that”! Even then, you were thinking of how to be there for me, how to support my dreams in your own quiet, intentional way. That was your love language, presence, patience, and pure hearted support.

You taught me what it means to be a man, not by force, but by living it every day. You showed me how to be strong, yet kind... firm, yet gentle… bold, yet humble. You didn't just tell me what to do; you showed me. Through every sacrifice, every moment of silent struggle, every smile that hid pain, you were teaching me how to carry myself with grace.

Your passing has opened my eyes in ways I never expected. It has made me reflect deeply, not just on your death, but on your life. And when I do, I can proudly say, my father was the greatest man I have ever known. A true Christian. A true family man. A rare soul who left the world better than he met it.

Daddy, your absence hurts in ways words can't capture. But I take comfort in knowing that you are finally at rest, in a place with no more pain, no more suffering, only peace. You deserve nothing less.
"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. Amen."

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"May your beautiful soul and the soul of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen."

Till we meet again,
(Nna m m ji at anya)
(Nna m na-eji eme n)
God be with you.
I love you forever!
Chibuike Promise (Chimboy)

Echoes From The Heart: Tributes From Family

MY TRIBUTE TO DADDY

Today I honour not just a father in-law but a remarkable man who became a true father figure in my life. From the moment I became part of his family, he welcomed me with warmth & unwavering support, Daddy you were a man of integrity, wisdom and kindness in abundance, the type that left a lasting impression on everyone that was opportune to come in contact with you, your words carried wisdom, your actions showed character and your presence brought calmness even in the most uncertain time. You were a historian, a mentor, and a heart full of love for everyone around you. Your legacy lives on, not just in we your children, but also in many lives you touched with your generosity and grace.

We will miss you deeply but will be comforted by things we've learnt from you and the love you showed us.

Goodnight Daddy.

Your daughter in-law
Ifeyinwa Dayan-Iwuoha

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A TRIBUTE TO ENGR. NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA

With love and deep respect by his son-in-law, Wesley Onugha

It is with both sorrow in our hearts and profound gratitude in our souls that we gather to honour the life and legacy of a truly remarkable man, Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze Iwuoha.

To speak of Sir B A Iwuoha is to speak of dignity, strength, humility, and unwavering faith. He was not only my father-in-law but a father figure in every sense of the word. A man of few words, yet each word carried weight. A man of great stature not just in physical presence but in character, values, and grace.

He led his life with quiet wisdom and purposeful action. His strength lay in his calm, his authority in his kindness. Whether in family matters, community affairs, or moments of personal counsel, Sir Benjamin always brought clarity, compassion, and conviction.

He was a devoted husband, a loving father, a cherished grandfather, and to many of us, a mentor, a role model, and a guiding light. As a Knight and a gentleman, he walked through life with honour and left behind a trail of inspiration. He believed in the power of hard work, the value of integrity, and the importance of treating others with fairness and respect.
What I will always remember is how he welcomed me not just as a son-in-law but as a son. I am forever grateful for the love, trust, and warmth he extended to me and to so many others who had the blessing of knowing him.

As we lay him to rest on the 5th and 6th of June 2025, we do so with both tears and thanksgiving. We mourn his absence, but we also celebrate a life beautifully lived and deeply impactful.
Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze Iwuoha, your journey on this earth may have come to an end, but your legacy lives on in every heart you've touched, every life you've uplifted, and every value you've instilled. You have run your race with honour, and now you rest in peace.

May your soul find eternal rest, and may your memory remain a light to guide us always.

With love, honour, and eternal respect,
Wesley Onugha
Your son-in-law

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TRIBUTE TO MY FATHER IN-LAW

Your demise saddens me and the entire family, but I know that you are now with the angels in heaven.
My family will always love and miss you. I remember your care and encouragement when I had health challenges.
Your words always gave me hope and strength.

You were a very humble man, peaceful and generous. Always putting others first.
Though you are gone, you will never be forgotten.
Rest in peace Sir.

Onome Eghelle

TRIBUTE TO A GREAT MAN

Words fail me. I didn't spend much time with you, but the limited time we had, you showed me care and love. I am grateful to you, for accepting me into your home as a daughter. I remember my encounters with you whenever I had to travel and you insisted on giving me transport fare and I was surprised, I couldn't believe it.

I know I would have enjoyed being your daughter-in-law, but God knows best.
Keep resting in the bosom of the Lord till we meet to part no more.
Adieu Engr Sir B.A Iwuoha

Your daughter Inlaw
Pharm Ifediba Ebuka-Iwuoha

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TRIBUTE TO THE BEST GRANDPA

We feel so sad about you leaving us grandpa, but we've been made to understand that you've gone on a journey everyone will undergo someday. We can't question God as he knows better.
We didn't spend enough time with you, but we enjoyed the few vacations and holiday moments we shared. Grandpa, you were such an eager and attentive listener, always ready to listen to anyone about anything. In short, we loved your company, and you loved ours.

Oh!! we still remember your beautiful stories, magic tricks and infectious laughter as if it were yesterday. Grandpa you were very generous, you always gave us "mentos" and other gifts even when we didn't ask, It hurts to have lost you at this undue time but we accept that God has decided to send you home.

Please pass our prayer requests to our heavenly Father for us, since you're closest to Him now.
We love you so much grandpa, rest well.

Till we meet again….
Your grandchildren
Amarachi, Kosi & Kamsi

FAREWELL TO MY GRANDDAD

My granddad is more than just a legend in my life.
A strong kind man who has always taken care of me and my siblings not just with love, but with wisdom. He gives us advice that stays with us. Shaping the way we grow.
He tells stories, not just to entertain, but to teach, to pass on a little piece of himself every time.

When he speaks, we listen. When he laughs, we smile and when he shares his time with us we know we're lucky.

I love him deeply and I'll always treasure every moment we've shared.
Thank you, grandpa, for being our guide, our storyteller and our hero.
Farewell, as you rest in the Bossom of the Lord!
Amen!

Your Grandson,
Donald Dayan - Iwuoha

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TRIBUTE TO MY GRAND DAD.

What a loving man Grand-Dad was. A man of prestige, honour and integrity. Grandpa you were such a favoured man, blessed with seven children and eight grandchildren.

I often wondered how you were able to handle the task of providing for seven children but, one day I realized that with 'Hard-work and Consistency', anything is possible.

My Granddad was a man who always stood his ground and never allowed anyone change his mind, when he knew he was doing the right thing.

I am glad you were able to celebrate your 76th Birthday in happiness and peace of mind but no one knew death was around the corner.

I really wish you were still alive, as my visits to the family house will never be the same without you. Who will give me sweets now that you are gone?
Like they say – 'Life is like Time, Spend it Wisely'. I can boldly say you spent yours wisely Grandpa.

May your very gentle soul rest in peace, in Jesus Name, Amen!

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I will also like to write a few words for my brother – Eseoghene, as he cannot write for himself at the moment.
To Ese, Grandpa was a 'Blessed Child', like he will always say. Whenever we visited the family house, he would go straight to Grandpa and request for biscuits because, he knew Grandpa always had something sweet to give him.

Ese would usually sing songs with Grandpa and tell him stories that seemed odd to everyone except Grandpa.

These days when asked about Grandpa, he says: 'he has gone to see Jesus'. I know he doesn't fully understand what it means to die, and I am happy with how he has interpreted Grandpa's demise.

Grandpa is truly with his maker now, and Ese says; May his soul rest in peace.
We love you, Grand-Dad.

From Naetochukwu & Eseoghene Eghelle.

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A TRIBUTE TO MY GRANDPA

There are some people who leave lasting marks on our lives, even long after they are gone. My grandpa was one of those people. He was a force of love, strength, and wisdom. He was incredibly hardworking and made many achievements throughout his life.
When I received the news of his passing, I was in shock. It didn't feel real; it didn't make sense. But in the days that followed, as I saw how many people's hearts he had touched, I realized something beautiful: how truly lucky we are to have had him in our lives.
Our family is blessed to have known someone like him, because there aren't many people in this world like my grandpa.

Even in the short time Grandpa and Grandma spent with us here in the UK, he left a powerful impression on me, one I'll carry forever. Without even trying, he taught me the meaning of real love. Just by watching the way he cared for Grandma, I learned what true partnership looks like. The way he showed love quietly, consistently, and deeply was something special.
I know that his legacy will live on. One day, I'll tell my own children the same stories he told me, like the ones about his time in the military, so that they too can know how great their great-grandfather was.
I love you, Grandpa. Thank you for everything. I hope you're resting peacefully. You will always be in my heart.

Rest in Peace Grandpa
Lots of Love
Michaela

OMALICHA SAYS GOODBYE, GRANDPA

Dear Grandpa,
I love when you called me Omalicha. It made me feel so happy. I still can't believe you're gone. When I heard the news, I was so, so sad. My heart felt broken. I didn't know what to do, so I tried to calm myself down and not cry too much. But it was really hard.
I hope you are in heaven now, Grandpa. I hope the angels took you there and God is with you.
I remember how you always took walks with Granny. And how you always took me and Emy to school. You had such a kind heart. Thank you for being my grandpa. I miss you every single day.

Oh, and remember Sports Day? I thought no one would come for me, but you were there. You helped me just by being there and watching me. That made me feel so happy and not alone.
I'm really, really proud of you, Grandpa. I miss seeing you in church. I miss you doing the rosary. I miss when you and Granny came to our house and told us stories about God and prayer. You taught me how to pray, and I'll keep saying the rosary just like you.
May God bless you, Grandpa. And I pray again that He brings your soul to heaven, because you were always kind. You helped Mummy be strong too. We all miss you so much. I'll make you very proud, Grandpa. I'll keep doing the good things you showed me.

I love you forever.
Chisom (Your Omalicha)

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FROM YOUR GRANDSON, FRANCIS.

Dear Grandpa,

I really, really miss you. You told me stories about Nigeria, and I liked when you talked about the wars and knighs of the catholic church. I love learning new things, and you made it fun. You loved Granny so very much, and I saw how you always protected our family. That made me feel safe.

I loved how you used to call me Pope Francis. That made me feel super special. You were the best grandpa ever. I liked when you picked me up from school. That was fun, and our time, at Willen Lake and when we went on the canal ride together, I'll never forget that Going to church with you was always nice. Saying the rosary with you made me happy. I loved doing it because you were there with me. On Sports Day, you came to support me, even when you weren't feeling well. That made me really happy. You always cheered me on. I remember when you made your own funny version of “I Love Jesus.” We all laughed so much! You were always so funny and made us smile. We miss you a lot when we go on trips. It's not the same without your jokes and happy face.

Grandpa, I hope you're friends with Pope Francis in heaven. I hope you're smiling and happy up there.
Amen. God bless you. Amen.
I love you very, very much.

Your Grandson,
Francis (Pope Francis)

Echoes From The Heart: Tributes From Family

A TRIBUTE TO MY BELOVED BROTHER

Death is indeed inevitable, and everyone must face it at Gods appointed time. Nnam, your death has created a big vacuum that cannot be filled, I never believed that you will leave us so soon, I will miss your warm embrace whenever I come to PH.

Ben as I fondly call you, you are strong and intelligent man full of sincerity in you. He is an honest and peaceful man, a disciplinarian, he always stresses on the importance of education and progress of people.

Nnam, I am proud to be your elder sister.

You made me to understand this life better. Rest In Peace as you live in my heart
I love you but God loves you most!

YOUR ELDER SISTER
HELEN IWUOHA

A TRIBUTE TO MY ELDER BROTHER

Dee Benji,

When I heard that you have left us after a brief illness, I was very shocked, and I reflected to the Day I came to see you at Umunchi and we discussed at length. You are an honest man to the core, my brother Benji will tell you the truth and nothing but the truth with neither fear nor favour, he would not belong if the aim of a group was to cheat or subvert and he will always say “count me out “. He was an industrious man and lived an exemplary life worthy of emulation.

Man of people Dee Benji was accepted by all and sundry as a good man, very jovial, very articulated, very industrious and cracking jokes. He had solution for almost every problem, if you listen to him carefully.

I miss you my good brother, you will forever be my brother
God loves you and now you're in God's hands I will see you some day.

REST IN PEACE MY BROTHER
YOUR SISTER
FELICIA OKORO

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A TRIBUTE TO MY HERO

Your demise was a fatal blow and a great shock that brought tears down my cheeks on that dreadful day and faithful day, God decided to take your life, leaving us to face this wild wicked world all alone. This is too sudden, but I have no doubt in my mind that you're with our father in heaven.

Your ways were like the words of great leaders filled with wisdom. You live a remarkable life, one that inspired me greatly. Your adventures attitude brought range of interest and happy demeanour made you always ready to provide and answer to every problem. A philanthropist, very philosophical in your approach to life, your seldom displayed anger instead showed dignity and humour.

This is a man who lived a life of service, dedication and honour. You served your community with patriotic zeal and your church with whole self; God knows the beginning and the end. He allowed your death for a purpose, and we are in no position to query him because he's ways are absolutely perfect.

The death of a saint unlocked the windows of heaven and may the blessings so released console and strengthen the living.

Goodbye De'dem
May God in his infinite mercy grant your gentle soul internal rest Amen!

YOUR YOUNGER SISTER
APUGO GETRUDE CHINYERE

A TRIBUTE TO BIG DADDY

Death awaits all, we cannot avoid it. It trails us every passing day as we sojourn on earth.
I love your Big Daddy; you were my hero. The legacy you left to us is what made me what I am today and has kept me progressing in life.

You lived for others always helping others, I will do my best to carry on in your footsteps. Honestly your death to me is like a thunder bolt, that it was sudden made it harder to believe, and it's confirmation benumbing.

I will miss you greatly for everything you represent in my life. In fact, description in words cannot express my sadness about your death.

Rest In Peace Big Daddy!

Apugo Chiamaka Rosita
Your Niece.

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TRIBUTE TO AN ICON, A LEGEND, A LEADER, MENTOR AND A GREAT MAN, ENGR. SIR. BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA

Dearest Uncle,
I have been filled with a range of emotions over the past weeks, the deep sadness that comes with death, I wonder whether words would truly be enough to describe the exceptional person you are but in overall, I thank God for placing you in this generation.

Strategically, you were the last of the sons of IWUOHA direct children, all we have now is great and great grandchildren, a generation is gone. Amongst your enduring qualities, you were a father figure to many, a lover of people, selfless and accommodating, a philanthropist and a loyal confidant to many, your influence extended beyond our family circle as you had no boundaries in friendship. Your desire to make a positive impact, even in the face of injustice, was a testament to your humility, humanity and harmonious living. Your success was defined by your selflessness and a reminder that your accomplishments are not only personal victories but also opportunities to give back and create a better society.

With incredible accuracy, you were a valuable asset to God, loving and serving diligently in His vineyard, bold and fearless, always ready to lead effectively in various gatherings and meetings. You were my mentor Dee, you were always healthy before now but as Isaiah 57:1 said, "*Godly people pass away, the Godly often die before their time but no one seems to care or wonder why, no one seems to understand that God is protecting them from the evil to come"*.

Dee even though you have gone to be with the Lord, I cannot forget easily that you were a very knowledgeable person who read widely which made me develop the hobby of reading newspapers and magazines. Your memory was something to marvel about, you could remember dates and event that happened far back in history, I will miss you a lot. I love you a lot and if I am given the power to extend life, I would have rushed to give you that because we still need you around, but God has decided to do otherwise, and I cannot question Him.

Adieu Dee
Wishing to see you again in that glorious morning.
Rest in the Bosom of the Lord.
Your Nephew,
KENNETH IWUOHA

Echoes From The Heart: Tributes From Family

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF SIR IWUOHA- A MAN OF PRINCIPLE, INTEGRITY AND KINDNESS

Chief Sir Iwuoha was a remarkable man a man of unwavering principles, steadfast integrity, and boundless compassion.

His life was a testament to the power of character. He stood firm in his convictions, never compromising on what was right, even when the easier path beckoned. His integrity was not just a trait but a way of life guiding his decisions, his relationships, and his service to others. In a world that often rewards shortcuts, he remained a beacon of honesty and moral courage.

As a community builder, he understood that true leadership was not about authority but about service. He brought his people together, fostering unity and inspiring collective action even in the challenging times, when it would have been convenient for him to look the other way. His vision was not for personal glory but for the betterment of all.

Yet, it was his kindness that left the deepest imprint. He had a rare ability to see the struggles of others and respond with genuine empathy. His compassion was not performative but profound quiet acts of generosity, a listening ear, or a well-timed word of encouragement that lifted spirits and mended hearts. I have fond memories of my late Dad's account of his kindness, generosity and commitment to the betterment of his in-laws - the Iwuozor family since he married into the family in the early eighties.

I also remember with fondness how he accommodated me (and extended family and community members) that were trying to find out footing in life at the time, even in the most trying times. I would never forget the warm reception, the periodic advice filled with wisdom and most importantly his accounts of the Nigerian Civil War, which helped shape my view on resilience of the Igbo people. His words were never careless but often playful a reminder that wisdom and joy are not opposites but companions.

Though he has left this earthly journey, his legacy endures in the lives he touched, the community he strengthened, and the example he set. We are all better for having known him, and the world brighter for his presence.

May we honor his memory by living with the same principles, integrity, and kindness that he so beautifully embodied. Rest in peace Chief Sir Iwuoha. Amen.

Chukwudi Cyril Iwuozor (Jnr).

Echoes From The Heart: Tributes From Family

REST WELL BROTHER

On the 4th of April, I woke up to the shocking news of your passing, brother. We were together on the 1st of January, and I never imagined that would be the last day we would share.

You were a wonderful, amazing, and caring man, a true iroko tree, strong and steady, on which every bird could perch. Your love extended far beyond your family, touching the lives of everyone you encountered.

My dearest in-law, you were not only a father figure to me but also a brother (KSJI). Your fatherly love, care, and wise advice will be deeply missed.

Rest in peace, dear brother. You will forever hold a special place in my heart.

With love,
Lady Nkeiru Alams

TRIBUTE TO A GREAT INLAW

Brother, like I always called you. If death takes money in exchange for life, you would not die. If death had valued humility, truth, peace, and care, you would not die. Because you are a true reflection of all these core values.

When you came to our family, you became a brother, and when our father died, you became a senior brother to the Iwuozor's family.

May your soul keep resting in peace.

From:
Mrs Augustina
George Mbam and family.

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EULOGY TO A 'HEAVY DUTY' IN-LAW'

Brother, as we fondly call you, as I picked my pen to write this eulogy, I really didn't know where to start. I know that all mortals must face death someday, but I never knew on that day in the hospital as we discussed, that yours was close-by.

When mortals bow to the hands of death, the living bid them farewell forever. To say goodbye to a loved one and dear friend, especially to a man like my 'heavy duty' brother-in-law Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze Iwuoha (KSJI) makes me feel submerged in the ocean of emotions.

When we lost our father, you became not only the brother-in-law that you are, but also a father to all of us. You shared a firm belief in education, just like my father. Living with you as a teenager taught me so much. You value everyone who comes in contact with you. Despite your position, you are always willing to serve others, regardless of their age.

As a teenager, you were my guiding star. As an adult, your encouragement inspired me, and talking with you often brought solutions to difficult problems. You made me understand that life is best measured by the selfless service we render to empower others. No wonder everyone who crossed your path was encouraged to learn a trade if they couldn't pursue formal education. You firmly believed that vocational and technical education is essential for every growing child not only to make them independent adults but also to uplift the communities they come from. Your siblings, cousins, nephews, nieces, friends, and even those beyond the Umunchi community can attest to this.

Brother, your mind was more expansive than any encyclopedia ever written. It surpassed mortal understanding. During your time on this earth, through both written and spoken word, you made knowledge accessible to all who encountered you.

You were a man of humble beginnings, yet your richness could not be measured in material possessions. Brother, you fought for justice. You not only sacrificed for others but also defended the vulnerable at your own expense.

There was never a dull moment with you. Your humor gladdened hearts and helped soften life's hardships.

Your wisdom, love, and kindness will continue to guide me, and your memory will remain a source of comfort and inspiration. Though you are gone, your spirit lives on, and your legacy will endure.

I am comforted by your children. They have shown a shining example of how children should care for their parents. I am sure that death came, and you succumbed to its sting because if it were illness, you would have recovered.

As the world bids you farewell, Brother, I am not saying goodbye. Rather, I am saying thank you. Thank you for your care, your love, your humor, your wisdom, and your kindness.

Rest in peace, my 'heavy-duty in-law.'

Iwuozor 08/05/2025

Your younger brother-in-law,
Iwuozor Pedro Obialor, Ph.D. (FIPMD, MNPSA)

Knightly Reflections: From the Noble Order

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CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

Today I find it difficult to pen down this tribute to a man I see as my second Dad, a man whose kindness knew no bounds, a gentle and caring man in all ramification Engr. Sir B.A. Iwuoha (KSJI).

Bro. the news of your death came as a shock to me because I never expected it, tears keeps rolling down my cheek as I write this goodbye message.

I was barely six years old when I started living with you immediately you got married to my elder sister. You're not just an in-law to me but a father figure. Bro. your love, care and words of advice I will always cherish.

Your impact in my life is immeasurable and I'm deeply grateful for all those cares and support you gave me. I shed tears because I know I have lost a father again but I'm consoled because I know you lived a good life worthy of emulation.

Bro. your type is rare, I thank God I met someone like you in this world and also thank God that you enjoyed a peaceful, loving and caring family both nuclear and extended family.

Your legacy will forever live in us. I love and miss you dearly but God loves you more.

Adieu big Daddy Port Harcourt, rest on Bro. till we meet to part no more.

His worship

Chioma Oliver Obiyor

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IN THE COMPANY OF NOBLES: VOICES FROM THE KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN INTERNATIONAL

A Brotherhood of Honour

Here, fellow knights of the noble order reflect on a life lived with integrity, loyalty, and service. Through the lens of camaraderie and shared values, this chapter honours his distinguished contributions to the Knights of St. John International and the deep bonds he formed within the order.

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CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

The news of the demise of our dear Noble Brother, late. Benjamin Iwuoha got to us with mixed feelings; sorrow because we've lost a mentor, whose call was more of rendering assistance to others, of teaching the faith and of advancing the course of Knighthood at no cost. He was a man who like St. Paul, had fought the good fight, ran the race of life and awaited the crown of Glory.

Noble Brother wasn't just a dear colleague in the race of life but a true friend to many, a philanthropist, a teacher, a writer, a man of strong belief; never believing a task is ever too difficult to achieve. Noble Brother radiated such warmth, kindness with such discipline that endeared him to many and created such an impact that makes his absence even more painful to bear, yet we've taken solace in the resurrection of the dead and truly hope in consolation that with the Cross on his head he'd joyfully joined the ranks of the Saints.

While we mourn this great loss with hope of life everlasting, we urge all touched by his departure, especially the chief mourner and other members of the immediate family and friends to be consoled since the death of a Christian faithful is but a transition to that realm where eyes have not seen nor ears heard, nor has it entered into the mind of any mortal, the beauty and magnificence of its palatial mansions.

Adieu Noble Brother! Adieu a teacher of faith and morals! Adieu! May the Good Lord whom you so served here on earth welcome you into His Kingdom and reward you with life everlasting. Amen.

Bro. Anthony Nwiado
Worthy President

Bro. Theophilus .C Ezeonodo.
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SUPREME SUBORDINATE LADIES' AUXILIARY NIGERIA
KNIGHTS OF ST JOHN INTERNATIONAL

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TO
Noble Sister Christy Iwuoha
Grand Respected president,

Port Harcourt grand ladies'
Auxiliary knights of St John intl.

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE.

On behalf of the Supreme Subordinate Ladies Auxiliary Nigeria, I write to commiserate with your family on the devastating news of the demise of your husband and father Engr Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze Iwuoha.

Undoubtedly, Noble Brother died when his attention, love and wisdom was needed greatly. He was a great man, family oriented and custodian of the ethics of the Order. I urge you to you find solace in fact that your friend and husband lived a good Christian life, worthy of emulation.

He mentored great men and women in the Society.

The sacred scripture told us that," the souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, no evil shall torment them".

We pray that God will grant your family the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss and lead him to an everlasting bliss in heaven.

Noble Sister Chinwe Irene Mgbajiaka.
Supreme Subordinate President,
Ladies' Auxiliary KSJI Nigeria.

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DISTRICT 48 LADIES' AUXILIARY
PORT HARCOURT GRAND
KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN INTERNATIONAL

12th May, 2025

TRIBUTE TO A FALLEN HERO (NOBLE BRO. BENJAMIN IWUOHA)

Today, we gather to honour and celebrate the life of an extraordinary individual, Noble Bro. Benjamin Iwuoha. His unwavering dedication and commitment to our community in District 48 and the PH Grand at large have left an indelible mark on all of us.

N/Bro. Benjamin Iwuoha exemplified the values of service, integrity, and brotherhood. His passion for uplifting others was evident in every initiative he undertook, whether through mentorship, community service, or simply lending a listening ear to those in need.

His leadership was characterised by compassion and wisdom. He inspired us to strive for greatness, encouraging us to embrace challenges and view them as growth opportunities. His infectious enthusiasm and positive spirit brought us together, fostering a sense of unity and purpose.

As we reflect on his legacy, let us remember the countless lives he touched and the profound impact he made. Though he may no longer be with us, his spirit will continue to guide us in our endeavours. We pledge to carry forward his vision of a more fraternally inclusive and supportive Order.

To Noble Bro. Benjamin Iwuoha, thank you for your service, friendship, and unwavering belief in the power of brotherhood. You will be dearly missed, but your legacy will live on in our hearts and actions.

Rest in peace, dear Brother.

Signed:

N/Sr Flora Kenekayoro
District Respected President (D48)

Sr Queen Chukwuemeka
For District RCS

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Port Harcourt Grand Commandery
KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN INTERNATIONAL

Bishop Edmund Fitzgibbon
Chapter of Chavaliers
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER

BISHOP EDMUND FITZGGIBON CHAPTER OF CHEVALIERS

TRIBUTE IN HONOUR OF HER 2nd VICE GRAND MASTER MAJOR BENJAMIN IWUOHA.

Noble Brother Benjamin Iwuoha, Major and great soldier,the BEFCC salutes you!

Though you have Fallen as every mortal will do someday,we are confident that you are resting with the Lord.

Your were an embodiment of knowledge of our Noble Order and the Faith. Indeed you made yourself available always as a teacher of same to other knights.

Your humility and dedication to duty was unequalled.You had the knightly qualities we all aspire to acquire.... indeed you were a Chevalier per Excellence.

You, Maj. Iwuoha were the Custodian of our Rituals, Practices and Procedures. We shall forever remember and thank God for the grace you had to play numerous roles for the Order while you were with us.

Great had been your toil for the Order,even greater shall be your slumber .

Rest in the Peace of Christ until we meet on the Resurrection morning.

Adieu, Major Benji Iwuoha!
Adieu, 2nd Vice Grand Master, BEFCC!

Brig. Gen. George Ikioumoton
Grand Master.

Capt. Anthony Agbakwuru
Asst Scribe

Noble Bro. George Ikioumoton, Grandmaster | Noble Bro. Daniel Osuoha, 1st Vice | Noble Bro. Ben Iwuoha, 2nd Vice | Bro. Barisaan Yuloni, Scribe

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KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN INTERNATIONAL
OUR LADY OF VICTORY COMMANDERY # 943
Rumuodomaya,

16th April, 2025

To; The Grand Respected President, Knights of St John International, Port Harcourt Grand Ladies Auxiliary, Noble Sister Christy Benjamin Iwuoha and family

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

The Worthy President, Board of Trustees and we the entire members of KSJI Our Lady of Victory Commandery #943, commiserate with you and the entire Benjamin Iwuoha family for this painful loss. A life lived in plentiful graces of service to man and God Almighty cannot be greater to our mindset as we recount it is indeed too early to quit. While we painfully resign like stoics with total submission to the will of God Almighty, we are however consoled by the enviable steps he left behind and prayerfully commend same to you too.

This passing was indeed too sudden and too soon but like the Indian saying "that words embedded in marble husks says too much, but certainly do too little, all our mortal remains returns to the creator and we do not live forever as the greater the toil, the sweeter the slumber and for a colossus, a calm talker, listener, organizer, teacher and friend of many, it is adieu gentle one.

Once again, accept our heartfelt condolences and may his gentle soul through the intercession of our Blessed mother Mary, find favour in the presence of Almighty God to rest eternally in his bosom. Amen.
St John the Baptist, pray for us.

Fraternally yours,
For, KSJI, Our Lady of Victory Commandery No. 943, Rumuodomaya

Captain Enahoro Samuel Dakare
Worthy President

Sir. Matthias Abalaka
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OUR LADY SEAT OF WISDOM LADIES AUXILIARY #394,

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN INTERNATIONAL,

PORT HARCOURT, RIVERS STATE.

Respected President
Noble Sr. Pauline Mgbakogu

Recording and Corresponding Secretary
Lady Chinwe Patricks-Chinemerem
E-mail: catherinepatricks@yahoo.com

The family of

28th April, 2025.

Late Noble Brother Benjamin Iwuoha.

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

It was with pain but total submission to the will of God that we received the news of the death of our dear Brother, Noble Brother Benjamin Iwuoha. The board of trustees and the entire members of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom LAUX #394 hereby express our heartfelt condolence to the family of Late Noble Brother Benjamin at this moment of lost and grief.

The Lord is close to the broken hearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed (psalm 34:18). Be reminded that the soul of righteous is in the hand of the lord (wisdom 3:1-9).

We will miss our worthy Brother. For the family he left behind, be consoled and have confident in Christ Jesus, that your dearest Father is in a better place. We will always remember you all in our prayers.

May God Almighty through the intercession of our blessed Mother Mary grant Noble Brother Benjamin eternal rest in His kingdom Amen.

Noble Lady Pauline Mgbakogu

Respected President

Lady Chinwe Patricks-Chinemerem

Recording/corresponding Sec.

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THE ANCIENT AND NOBLE ORDER OF
KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN INTERNATIONAL
AWKA GRAND LADIES AUXILIARY
OFFICE OF THE GRAND RESPECTED PRESIDENT

KSJ Int'l / HALL
St. Patrick's Cathedral
P.O. Box 1667, Awka
Anambra State,
Nigeria.

Our Ref: _____ Your Ref: _____ Date: 10-05-2025

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CONDOLENCE MESSAGE TO NOBLE SR. CHRISTY IWUOHA GRAND RESPECTED PRESIDENT PORTHACOURT GRAND LAUX

On behalf of the Awka Grand Ladies Auxiliary, I, Noble Sister Loyce Onyali, the Grand Respected President, extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Late Engr. Noble Benjamin Iwuoha

We are deeply saddened by the passing of a remarkable man whose life was a testament to integrity, kindness, and unwavering dedication. Engr. Noble Benjamin was not only a distinguished figure but also a source of inspiration to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

During this difficult time, please know that sisters in Awka Gand LAUX are with you in spirit. May Almighty God grant you the strength and comfort to bear this great irrepairable loss. We also pray that the soul of our beloved brother finds eternal rest in the bosom of the Lord.

Please accept our deepest sympathies.

In fraternal love and service,

Noble Sister Loyce Onyali
Grand Respected President
Awka Grand Ladies Auxiliary

PORT HARCOURT GRAND LADIES AUXILIARY
KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN INTERNATIONAL
PORT HARCOURT

TRIBUTE

"IN LOVING MEMORY OF NOBLE BROTHER BENJAMIN IWUOHA

A pillar of strength, a beacon of hope, and a shining example of dedication and service. Your unwavering commitment to the Knights of St. John International will never be forgotten.

To our Grand Respected President, Noble Sister Christy Iwuoha, and your entire family, we extend our deepest condolences. May your brother's legacy keep the family in unity and inspire us to continue striving for excellence.

Rest in peace, Noble Brother Benjamin Iwuoha. Your impact will be deeply missed, but your memory will live on." We love you but God loves you best.

Sign: N/ sister Sarah Kaneng Lokoson
1st Vice GRP

Sister Theresa Barong Akugbo
Grand LAUX Secretary

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The Noble Order of

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN INTERNATIONAL

PORT HARCOURT GRAND COMMANDERY & LADIES AUXILIARY

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIAN, LAUX 587 BODO

Our Ref: _____

Your Ref: _____ *Date:* May 6th, 2025

NOBLE SR. CHRISTY IWUOHA
GRAND RESPECTED PRESIDENT
PORT-HARCOURT GRAND LADIES AUXILIARY.

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

We were deeply saddened to hear about the passing of your beloved Brother, Noble Bro. Benjamin Iwuoha.

On behalf of the OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTAIN LAUX 587 BODO, express our heartfelt condolences as words of sympathy feel inadequate in expressing our grief and sorrow for a loss so great.

We are however consoled in the word of the scripture that 'if we live, we live for the lord and if we die, we die for the lord.

As Christians, we believe that he fought the good fight as a gallant soldier of our Lord Jesus Christ and we pray that God will reward him and open the gate of paradise for him.

A light that dims here on earth shines that brighter in the night sky!!!

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the Mercy of God Rest in peace Amen

Sr. Justina Atata
Respected President

Sr. Elsie Osere
Rcs

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KNIGHT OF ST JOHNS INTERNATIONAL

Address: Our Lady Mother of the Church, LAUX 758,
Corpus Christi Cathedral, Port Harcourt.

Our Ref:..... Date: .....

CONDOLENCE LETTER

We wish to express our heartfelt condolences to the family of Noble Brother Benjamin Iwuoha.

We join our Grand Respected President, Noble Lady Christy Iwuoha to mourn the transition to glory of late Noble brother Benjamin Iwuoha.

We pray that the Almighty God will grant our Grand Respected President and her children the fortitude to hear the irreplaceable loss.

May his gentle soul rest in peace. Amen.

Yours sincerely,

Lady Elizabeth Agbakuru
Respected President

Lady Perpetua Chielo
RCS

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Our Ref:

A Tribute to Fallen Noble Brother - Major Benjamin Iwuoha KSJI

With heavy hearts, yet profound gratitude for a life well-lived, we honor the memory of Noble Brother Benjamin Iwuoha, a man of deep faith, unwavering love, and undeniable strength.

A devoted servant of the Lord, Noble Brother Iwuoha embodied humility, righteousness, and an enduring commitment to his beliefs.

As a dear husband and brother to Noble Sister Christy Iwuoha, he was a pillar of strength and companionship. As a loving father, his guidance and care shaped the lives of his children, leaving them with wisdom and values that will endure for generations.

Within the esteemed Order of the Knights of Saint John, he was more than a member—he was a father to all, an elder statesman, and a respected leader who carried himself with grace and integrity. His wisdom, counsel, and unwavering presence brought light to those around him, earning him both admiration and deep respect.

We hold dear the beautiful memories we shared with him during his visit to the United Kingdom in October 2024. That time, spent in companionship with his sister and his beloved daughter, Chika and her family resonates in our hearts. His warmth, his words of spiritual wisdom, and his profound leadership left an indelible mark.

In him, we saw a father figure, a guiding light, a progressive leader whose impact will never fade. Though he has departed from this earthly realm, his legacy remains woven into the lives he touched, the wisdom he imparted, and the love he shared.

We honor him not with sorrow, but with deep appreciation for the journey he walked and the profound influence he had on us all.

Rest peacefully, Noble Brother Benjamin Iwuoha, for your legacy endures, and your spirit lives on.

With heartfelt respect and remembrance,

Sir PMC & Lady Helen Pat Okeke - KSJI

TRIBUTE TO LATE NOBLE BROTHER, LT. COL. BENJAMIN IWUOHA

We mourn the loss of an officer, a gentleman, a devoted Catholic stalwart, and a Noble Knight of KSJI, of Commandery 460, Port Harcourt Grand Commandery.

We have known him since 1998 when we joined KSJI, as a committed, knowledgeable, and hardworking brother, who exuded the tenets of knighthood. A repository of the deep understanding of the Order. He groomed many younger brothers, including myself. He was at that time the Recording and Corresponding Secretary of Commandery 460, P.H. He was a stickler for the rules, regulations and workings of the Order, no matter whose ox is gored. He was result oriented, and upheld discipline in executing his responsibilities as a gallant soldier of Christ.

He was one of the prime movers of the establishment of the School of Knights, P.H. Grand Commandery, as the Chairman of School Planning Committee, and later the Pioneer Principal of the school, which he steered to its huge success.

We have lost a reliable, dependable and sociable friend, full of the milk of human kindness and fellowship. A hard worker, full of energy and zest in executing KSJI responsibilities. He mentored many of the senior knights of our Grand Commadery.

As a devoted family man, he will be sorely missed.
May Almighty God console his family. We pray for the peaceful repose of his soul in the bosom of the Lord.
Eternal rest grant unto him oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Noble, Col., Prof. O.A. Ejele Noble Lady, Prof. Philomena Ejele
(Respected President, LAUX 710 UNIPORT)

TRIBUTE TO LATE ENGR NOBLE SIR BENJANIM IWUOHA

Alas!!! A rare gem is gone. The hero of our time is no longer with us. Of a truth words cannot express who you are daddy but those whose lives were touched by you know how much of a great and good man you were and I am one of them. Daddy, you were a hero of our time, a rare gem, a pacesetter, jovial, selfless, kind hearted, a generous man and a loving father to all.

I still can't believe you are no longer with us, daddy. Although it is hard to accept but I believe "Heaven gained an Angel". That's my consolation. I was so blessed, lucky and fortunate knowing you and have the privilege to call you 'FATHER". I will always forever cherish the moments we shared when you visited us in London and I never knew that will be the last we will see you but thank God for leaving us with a memory.

Daddy, I want you to know that you will always be in my heart and thoughts. You will be greatly missed by me and all.

May your gentle soul rest in perfect peace and may eternal light perpetually shine upon you now and forever more, amen.

Rest on, the great hero of our time, sleep well daddy, till we meet to part no more.

From the Iwuchukwu's
London

CONDOLENCE MESAGE FROM THE ATATA'S

With total submission to the will of God Almighty, the family of Sir Rufus Wezi and Lady Justina Obiageri Atata, wish to express our sympathy to the family of our Late Noble Brother Benjamin Iwuoha.

Noble Brother and Noble Sister Iwuoha have been very supportive in the affair of our family. They have assisted us to grow in our activities in the Knights of St. John International through their valuable advice from time to time.

We pray God to console the family and give them the fortitude to bear the fall of our Noble Brother. It is our sincere prayers that the good Lord in His infinite mercies grant his soul internal rest in His kingdom.

Signed;
Sir Rufus W. Atata
For the family

A TRIBUTE TO MY MENTOR – NOBLE BROTHER BENJI IWUOHA

I knew Late Noble Brother (Engr.) Benji Iwuoha since 1971 when I was in Class Two at Government Technical College Okohia Osu. He was our pioneer Senior Prefect. Apart from being our SP, he was a close friend of my late cousin Mr. Reuben Mbaneto, a.k.a. Apapa. They were always together, in the school, at Umunchi and at Umuegbe my village. I benefited from their friendship in so many ways and at various times in my life's journey.

My first post-college employment was offered to me by Engr B.A. Iwuoha at Nigeria Engineering works Limited, Trans Amadi Port Harcourt. I left N.E.W. Limited and Port Harcourt in 1975 for Lagos, for higher studies and greener pastures. Fate brought us together again in 1995 when I went to Calabar for initiation into the Knighthood.

At St. Patrick's Catholic Church Calabar, the only familiar faces to me were those of Engr. B.A. Iwuoha, Major Cele Ozuzu and Major Fide Unegbu. They inspired me a lot and gave me the assurance that I was at the right place. Sir. Benji Iwuoha came from St. Mary's Commandery, Port Harcourt then. My journey in the Knighthood has been a long one. I transferred from St. Anthony's Commandery 379 Okigwe, in 1999, to Sacred Heart Commandery 452 Jos. And in 2001, I transferred from Jos to Port Harcort and Joined St. Mary's Commandery 460 Port Harcourt, and here I was pleased to meet Sir B.A. Iwuoha again.

When I was doing my Masters Degree program at the University of Port Harcourt; UST Library was the educational hub for me and my study group. There again I met Sir B.A. Iwuoha as a student of Rivers State University of Science and Technology (UST). Each time he met me at the library environment, he would pat me on the back and say to me "MD you are doing well, keep it up".

My Noble Beother, Lt. Col. (Engr.) Benji Alaeze Iwuoha, you were an inspiration to many in my generation and to me in particular. We are going to miss you a lot. May the good Lord grant you eternal rest in His bosom. Amen.

Signed:

Noble Brother Damian Okorie

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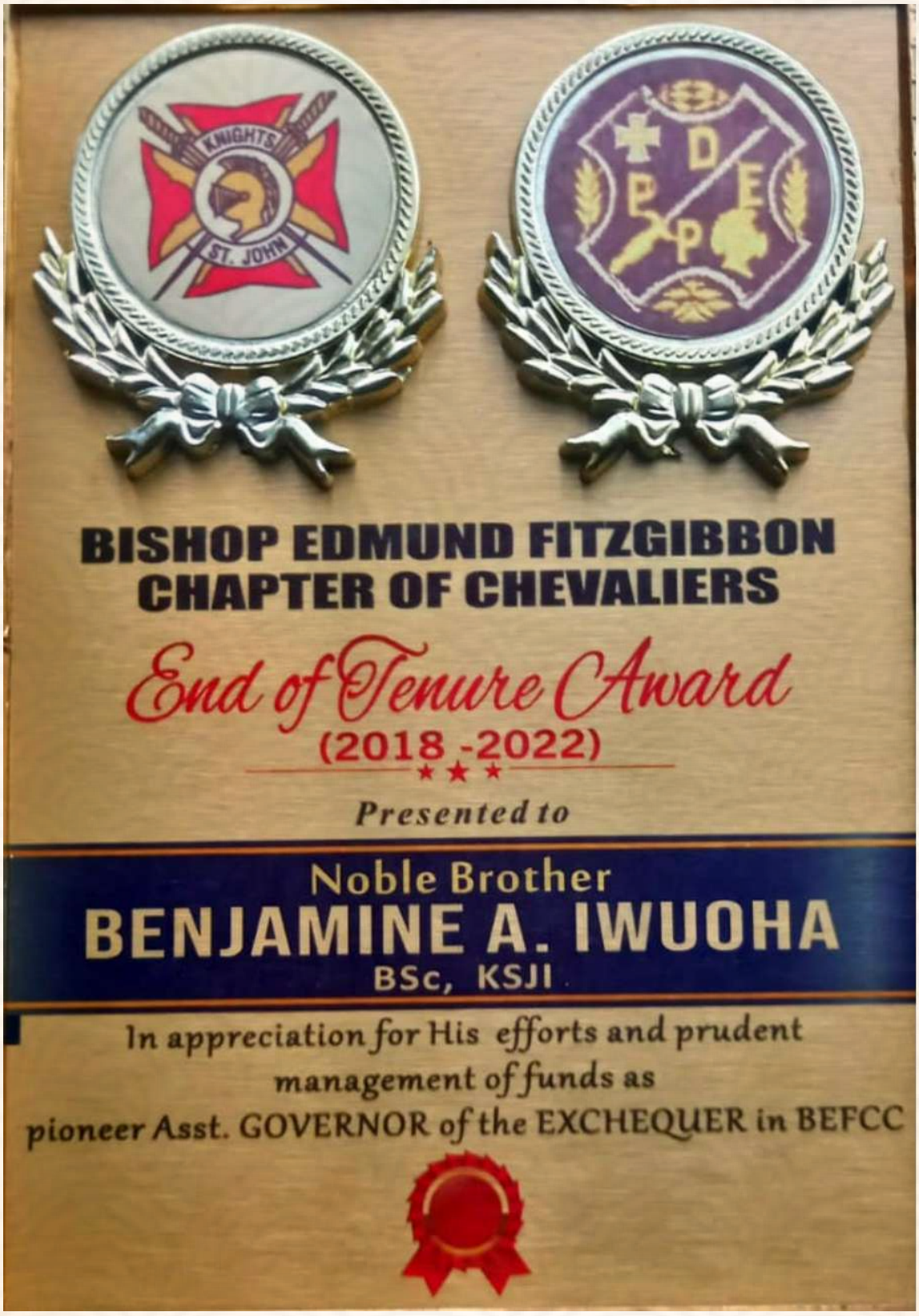

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THE MEASURE OF A LIFE: FAITH, FRIENDSHIP, AND FOUNDATIONS

A Man Among People and Purpose

Not just an engineer of structures, but a builder of lives. This chapter brings together heartfelt recollections from his faith community, professional circles, and friends from all walks of life. It's a tribute to how he shaped the world, through prayer, purpose, and genuine presence.

COURTESY: THE FAMILY

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TRIBUTE TO A GREAT SOLDIER OF CHRIST AND AN ICON

What a man to behold! What a great Icon and an Iroko! What a great Christian and a blessing to humanity!
I'm greatly and highly honoured to write this tribute. Though, death is never a desirable thing, but the death of a virtuous person is pleasing to the Lord.

Sir Benjamin Iwuoha was such a great soul, a highly dedicated family man, a peaceful and lovely personality, a humble and kind soul, and a great Icon and a gallant soldier of Christ. My encounter with Sir Iwuoha was a memorable one. Sir Iwuoha offered his entire life to the service of humanity through his selfless and relentless efforts; a humble man who dedicated his life caring for others. As a Parish Priest in his home parish, CKC Umunchi, Sir Benjamin Iwuoha helped tremendously in building the then Parish-in-building and offered every help as needed. He was one of the strong pillars of the community. He stopped at nothing in helping both the Church and Umunchi Community. His commitment to the community was outstanding. He gave himself totally without expecting anything in return.

Sir Benjamin Iwuoha, I strongly testify that you were a rare gem, a wonderful husband, a loving father, a great Icon, an Iroko, and a people-oriented personality.
You have finished your work here on earth and the gracious Lord has called you home. May God grant you eternal rest which is His reward to those who believe in Him.

Rest in peace faithful Soul till we meet to pass no more.
Ijeoma!!!

Fr. Ray NC Iwuji, BCC, M.Div., Ph.D.

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May 7, 2025

Dear Lady Iwuoha and Family,

It is with a deep sense of sorrow, yet also with gratitude to God for a life well-lived, that I convey to you my heartfelt condolences on the death of my beloved friend and benefactor, Sir Benji Iwuoha.

My first encounter with Sir Iwuoha was as a seminarian. I was on a pastoral assignment with another seminarian, and we were given accommodation in his house. That encounter sparked an enduring friendship that has lasted to this day.

Sir Iwuoha was a man of sterling qualities. He was selfless, generous, and deeply spiritual. His love for his Catholic faith was unrivaled, and he expended himself and his resources to the growth and upliftment of the Church.

He was the kind of person who shared in your joys and sorrows. No one ever came in touch with him without leaving with a good feeling. He was so transparently humble, and I am glad that I had the opportunity to get to know him while he was alive.

May his shining legacy and example continue to endure among us.

And may his gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

Rev. Fr. Dr. Raphael Asika, MSP.

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TRIBUTE TO LATE SIR BENJAMIN IWUOHA (KSJI)
Fr Stanley Orazulike
(Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate and St Thomas of Canterbury, Northampton United Kingdom)

The mystery of life's struggles is a phenomenon whose authentic significance continues to generally elude the contemporary man in one form or another, which however, is well understood and appreciated by all who truly key into the logic of He who is the Way, the Truth and Life. Nothing really could be more truthful. On the other hand, those who lack the understanding of life in its plenitude, perhaps due to some forms of detachment from the Real Fount of life, see little or no meaning in God. They argue among other things, that their being here on earth is by chance and as such, subscribe to being autonomous.

The life of late Sir Benjamin speaks volumes with regards to the above. Although I came to know our late icon during the last year of his terrestrial existence, I observed that he was someone whose entire life was diametrically laced with the Most High, robustly evident in the way he faithfully attended daily adorations, Rosaries, and weekday as well as Sunday Masses. Based on these, one can therefore summarise that the biblical phrase: "In Him we live, move and have our being" (Acts 1: 18) perfectly applies to him. Acknowledging God as one's bulwark in life irrespective of one's prowess is worth mentioning especially in a world where the fancying of such idea is fast dwindling. But thanks to heavens that God, through Benjamin's life, manifested his great power and graces in ways that are both visible, enthralling, and ineffable.

Above all, it was indeed touching to ascertain that the late worthy Knight embodied the sacrificial virtue of his Master and Lord who laid down his life for those whom he loved. This is my personal viewpoint and summary of why he came to the UK together with his wife, Lady Christy. I can imagine that many people of his age bracket may offer whatever support they've got from the comfort of their residence thanks to our digital world but may NOT risk traveling thousands of miles away in order to totally eschew anything that could jeopardize their health. But Sir Benji took the bull by the horn for the love of his child, Chika. What a heroic sacrifice!

As he is being laid to rest within this joyous season of Eastertide, I keep my fingers crossed together with the myriads of persons who hold him dear to their hearts, praying that Jesus the victorious King, grant him the grace to live and reign with him in eternity. Requiescat in pace Domini!

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TRIBUTE TO A RARE GEM- ENGR. NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA (KSJI)

Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze Iwuoha like the proverbial Jeremiah [Jer. 1:1-4], God knew you even before you were conceived. Little wonder, your childhood and youth was characterized by a burning zeal for the acquisition of knowledge, convinced that an unexamined life was not worth living.You studiously distinguished yourself in the Academia as a brilliant electrical Engineer.

I remember the very first day I met Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze Iwuoha. That was in Bigard Memorial Seminary Enugu, in my final year as a student of Theology, serving then as the chief receptionist. Immediately you arrived, one of my colleagues offered you the visitor's form to fill. After filling the Form, you walked up to me and we simultaneously introduced ourselves. You asked me my name and diocese to which I immediately replied. Providentially, as we noticed that we are from the same state the atmosphere immediately changed. Later, I informed you that I was anticipating my ordination and you assured me that you would honour it with your presence. From that moment on, a friendship ignited, blossomed, rooted in mutual respect and shared values.

Dear Noble Sir, you were an ardent Catholic. At infancy you received Baptism. After first Holy Communion you intensified your Catholic commitment through the sacrament of confirmation. Thus, you reverentially totally submitted to God's will when it came to tying nuptial knots with Lady Christy. Your union became quintessentially adorable in the way both of you exemplified admirable mutual companionship. You unanimously ensured that you passed on your undaunting catholic faith and doctrine to your children and grand children. It is often claimed that a person's character is revealed not by words, but by practical actions. If this assertion is true, then permit me to categorically affirm that Noble Sir Benjamin Iwuoha's content of character shone brightly through his practical crystal actions. Engr. Sir Iwuoha, you had an incredible passion for human development. Your enthusiasm was overwhelming. You were unwaveringly convinced that each moment held potential and that the ordinary could be made extraordinary through the lens of curiosity and zeal. You were a beacon of light and hope to all who encountered you, a source of humour, wisdom and unfailing kindness. In fact, to compose a full account of your life is like trying to capture the ocean's expanse in a cup, for your spirit was too vast and your influence too profound to be contained within the confines of simple words.

Through out your earthly sojourn, you had a profound impact on everyone that was divinely privileged to experience you. You were a patient listener, offering solace, assistance and advice to those in need. Your dedication and commitment to things of God greatly inspired many to be better individuals and to make a difference in diverse life endeavours.

Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze Iwuoha is an encapsulation of Igbo Culture and Christian tradition. A worthy noble knight of Holy Mother Church, Sir Iwuoha is profoundly honoured in Umunchi because of his undaunted patriotism and philanthropy as an illustrious Son of Isiala Mbano Ancient Kingdom. You remained resolute and resilient in your spiritual, social and moral endeavours. Suffice it to submit that, you are a self-made person. Your love for reading and working illumined the significance of perseverance, determination, diligence, kindness and living everyday to the fullest.

I was shocked to hear of your sudden death. I continue to ask God for fortitude and consolation. Though I miss

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you dearly, I know that your spirit and legacy lives on in each of us who were opportuned to encounter you. Your legacies would forever be remembered in our hearts. I remain grateful to God for experiencing a shinning example of great integrity in the person of Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze Iwuoha. Your invaluable spiritual and moral support to my vocation would never go unrewarded.

I earnestly implore God to welcome you into His beatific vision. I commiserate with your wife, children and inlaws. May God grant them and all of us the fortitude and consolation to bear your irreparable loss. Certainly, your demise has left an indelible vacuum. May we draw solace, from Jesus' assurance in John's gospel 11:25 where Jesus affirms: "I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even if he dies, he shall live. Anyone who lives and believes in me, shall never die". As Christians may we be consoled by these reassuring words of Christ. Though your death shocks us, may it not crush our Christian hope. Daddy adieu! Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze Iwuoha farewell!! May your gentle soul rest in perfect peace until the resurrection morning!!! United in prayers,

Fr. Dr. Emma. Mmeje

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TRIBUTE TO SIR BENJAMIN IWUOHA (KSJ)

Today, we come together with heavy hearts to honour the remarkable life and legacy of Sir Benjamin Iwuoha, a cherished member of the Church of the Epiphany family. Your steadfast commitment to your faith has deeply touched our lives and inspired countless individuals to grow in faith and love.

It is truly heart breaking to know that you are no longer with us. You were not just an advocate of Jesus and the Blessed Mother Mary; you were a gallant soldier of compassion, humility, and generosity. Your selfless example showed us what it means to live our faith in everyday life. The contributions you made to our Church will forever hold a special place in our hearts, and your legacy will continue to inspire us all.

Though we mourn your passing, we take comfort in the belief that you are now in the loving embrace of God. Your memory will always be a blessing to us, and we will carry the love and lessons you shared throughout our lives. You will be deeply missed.

Adieu, Sir Benjamin Iwuoha!

Adieu, Great Servant!

Adieu, Gallant soldier!

Rev. Fr. Simeon Ayaraekpe
(Parish Priest)

CHURCH OF THE EPIHANY... To us Christ is revealed CHURCH OF THE EPIHANY... We are the stars

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MATER MISERICORDIAE SECONDARY SCHOOL (MAMSS)

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Our Ref ..... Your Ref ..... Date .....

14th May, 2025.

Lady Christy B. Iwuoha
Umuarisim-Ama
Umunchi Town
Isiala-Mbano LGA
Imo State.

Dear Lady Christy Iwuoha,

CONDOLENCE LETTER ON THE DEMISE OF YOUR BELOVED HUSBAND, LATE ENGR. NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA

It was with great shock that we got the unfortunate news of the demise of your beloved husband whose sad incident occurred on the 4th of April, 2025

We grieve so much on his death especially knowing the relationship and bond that existed between you and him. He was such a part of your life that no other day passed without you talking about him. You have never failed to give him credit for the excellence and efficiency with which you managed our school while working with us.

Kindly take solace in the good life he lived and the good memories you shared together. God gives and He takes.

We pray that you and your entire family find the inner strength to go through this sad and difficult time. You have our deepest sympathy and prayers. Be assured of our continuous intercession for the repose of his gentle Soul.

Eternal rest grant unto him oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him!

May his gentle Soul rest in perfect Peace, Amen!

For: Mater Misericordiae Secondary School

MATER MISERICORDIAE SECONDARY SCHOOL
RUMUOMASI PORT HARCOURT
SIGN: ..... DATE: 14/05/25

Rev. Fr. Dr. Stan Agu CSSp.
Principal.

Motto: Morals and Excellence

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DIOCESE OF PORT HARCOURT
CATHOLIC WOMEN ORGANIZATION
CHURCH OF THE EPHIPHANY
OBI - WALI ROAD RUMIGBO

Reference: COE/CWO/25/02

Date: 6th May 2025

Lady Christy Iwuoha,

Church of the Epiphany

Rumuigbo.

Dear Lady Christy,

CONDOLENCE LETTER

We, members of Catholic Women Organization (CWO) Church of the Epiphany, Rumuigbo Port Harcourt, were deeply saddened to hear the news of the passing of your beloved husband, **LATE SIR BENJAMIN IWUOHA (KSJI).**

The death of a loved one especially a husband is always very painful. Your husband has been called home by God to eternal rest even though his presence and guidance are most needed.

We enjoin you and your family to take solace in the fact that he lived a life worthy of emulation and left a good legacy in the sands of time.

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time of grief.

May God grant you and your family strength, peace and comfort in the days ahead.

May his gentle soul rest in peace. Amen.

With Sincere Sympathy,

Bridget Nzimiro

Mrs. Bridget Nzimiro
President

Tina Nwaguru

Mrs. Tina Nwaguru
Secretary

Motto: Through Mary Our Mother We Succeed.

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LAITY COUNCIL OF NIGERIA

*Our Ref*_____ *Your Ref*_____ *Date:*_____

The Executives and members of the Parish Laity Council condole with our amiable Vice Chairperson on the demise of her husband.

Daddy was a good and easy going man, he was dedicated and committed to the things of God, and we pray God grants his soul eternal rest.

Matthew Akpovomerhe
Chairperson

Oghenekevwe J Peter
Secretary.

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UMUARISIM-AMA-UMUNCHI TOWN UNION
C.K.C UMUNCHI
MOTTO: PEACE AND PROGRESS

Address
C.K.C Umunchi
Isi-Ala Nbano
Imo State

Our Ref:

Date **15th May, 2025**

The Family of
Late Engr, Sir B.A Iwuoha KSJ
Umuarisim-Ama Umunchi

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

The executives and the entire members of the above Union commiserate with the family on the death of our Patron, Husband, Father, Grandfather and brother, late **Engr. Sir B.A IWUOHA KSJ.**

Our dear brother lived an exemplary life worthy of emulation. As we stand by you in this moment of grief, we pray that God Almighty grant the entire family the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss and also grant his soul eternal rest. Amen.

Kenneth Iwuoha
Chairman
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TRIBUTE TO A BOSOM FRIEND. THE BIG BEN IS GONE INDEED.

As a matter of fact, there is a time for everything under the sun. Your demise is in keeping with the natural law; the inevitability of death. You are no longer with us; but we are all bound to where you are. The Big Ben exuded an amiable, loving personality with unparalleled humility. A man of measured steps and speech who would say what he meant without equivocation and would make difficult decisions when others would shrink.

A man of strength of character is no more!!!!!!, but that's the way of all mortals.
If death could be fought, I counted you as one of those who would have triumphed. We shared kolanut while at the teaching hospital and with the number of specialist doctors that attended to you, I left with a promise of the next visit to be at your residence, but that was not to be. You surely did your level best at your prime when your residence was like a hostel to your Mbano kindred, and that was when I was calling you " Ochili Ozuoo 1 of Mbano ".

How many would remember that you were the chairman of the Steward Committee that was responsible for the infrastructural development that brought Mater Misericordiae Catholic Church Rumuomasi in conformity with the present millennium!

Big Ben: you ran a good race, and as Christians , we are assured of your crown of glory. As for your dear wife Christie, Ezenwa, and siblings; please accept our heart-felt condolences of the Anajembas and may the good Lord bless and give you the strength to bear the irreparable loss of the Patriarch.

Signed:
Onowu Ray Anajemba; (Ugo Chi Nyelu Nnewi)

FAREWELL NOBEL SIR IWUOHA

Looking back on the few times that we met, I perceived you as a selfless, non-judgmental person. I would say that because you simply just accepted me as part of your family even when you didn't need to. Thank you for checking up on me when I gave birth with grandma. I appreciate those visits, and I do not take your love for granted. You might be gone from our sight but not from our hearts. Keep resting sir.

Temabo Ntar.

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DEAR BENJAMIN RIP
WE ARE BETTER PEOPLE FOR HAVING KNOWN YOU.
THANK YOU, LOVE FROM MONICA AND JOHN.

We feel immensely privileged and blessed to have known Benjamin. To have watched him, to have walked and talked with him and to have shared some wonderful, happy, memorable experiences during our time together. Our first impression on meeting Benjamin was this was a gentleman who had 'presence'. Someone who was dignified, calm and peaceful, who had the ability to focus on the present moment, giving his whole attention to a situation while listening intently - a rare gift. Benjamin's genuine warmth and sincerity touched us deeply. As we got to know one another we quickly realised that Benjamin was extremely wise and compassionate - a man of great discernment who was a pillar of strength for his dear wife Christy, his beloved family, friends and all whom he encountered. The parable of the Good Shepherd comes to mind when thinking of Benjamin.

Benjamin looked after his fold, guiding them and encouraging them, with great humility.
He also had a profound manner of expressing gratitude, straight from the heart with love and tenderness.
This enabled us to relax and be at ease when we were together. Benjamin and Christy were a joy to be with.

We thank God for bringing them into our lives. We shared food and wine, illness and worry, love and laughter which helped us form a very close bond. We will never forget those special times.
Benjamin and Christie arrived in England as Chika's parents and left being our very dear, treasured friends. xx

May you now Rest in Peace Dear Benjamin.
Our love and prayers always
Monica, John and Family xxxx

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TRIBUTE TO LATE SIR ENGR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA.

Umunchi Town, Ndi Igbo and by extension Nigeria has lost a rare gem. Dee had a large heart that he accommodated everyone. His house at Trans-Amadi and later Nkpogu was readily available to all and sundry, Umunchi/Mbano sons and daughters and other persons who had need for a transit home. He was very helpful and assisted so many people at various point of need. After my graduation from the university, he invited me to join him in managing his growing enterprise, BAGICA NIGERIA LIMITED. He was exceptionally intelligent, vast in knowledge that working with him became a learning process, preparatory to my venturing into business endeavours.

He was meticulous, thorough and disciplined in business. A good manager of men and resources. Together we raised a quality and formidable team that provided services in electrical/ mechanical engineering. (His field of specialization) Our clientele included government, Shell, Halliburton etc. His ingenuity was manifest in the success of that company. Dee was one of the pillars in achieving autonomous status for Umunchi Town. I recall when our brother Romanus Iwuanyanwu wanted to travel to USA, he directed me to give him all the necessary support which I did and our brother successfully travelled. This his action illustrated how progressive he was, his desire for the best for Umunchi and her people and other people with progressive inclination.

Dee was close to my late father as they had a common aspiration for a progressive Umunchi. On his sick bed at UPTH he still found strength to enquire about the welfare of almost everyone young and old. Little did I know it would be our last conversation. He touched the lives of numerous people, and I take solace that he will live in the hearts of many people like us.
A titan is gone; a great family man is gone.

Dee rest in peace.

CHARLES AND CARO IWUOHA.
FOR THE FAMILY OF LATE CHIEF S.M IWUOHA.

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FAREWELL DEDEM!

Death is indeed inevitable!!!
It's really hard to believe you are no more De!
De! My success story can never be complete without you in it.
A man full of so much Wisdom!

You trained me in school, took me out of the village, would I have even known there was a place called Port Harcourt if you had not brought me here? and in Port Harcourt I got married, in Port Harcourt I got a job and in Port Harcourt I birthed my kids. If time would permit, I could go on and on.

You were a good disciplinarian who coined me into the man I am today. I will forever remain grateful to you De!
Yes, you are no more but your unbeatable spirit lives on..
We love you and you will forever remain in our hearts

La N'udo Dedem!!!
Nnamdi Iwuoha

TO A HIGHLY RESPECTED UNCLE

It is with a heavy heart that I write this tribute to you uncle ("Dee Benji as you are fondly called"). You were a symbol of strength, character, greatness that everyone in our community and beyond looked up to. People were ready to give their all for you because of your sincere ideologies to do what is right.

We are indeed grateful because what I am today can be traced to you. You may be gone but your spirit lives in our hearts. We pray that the almighty God accept your soul and grant you eternal rest. Amen!!!

Dr Iwuoha Chinedu

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TRIBUTE TO A GREAT MAN

This world is full of mystery especially mystery about death. No wonder shake spear called it a necessary end that comes when it will.
Sir, I found it very difficult to write this tribute, not because I would never have written it but didn't think it will be at this time. Anyway, according to Max Lucado, “not only is death inevitable; death is necessary for us to inherit the new life we are to enjoy in Christ".
A pillar and a leader not just in your family Iwuoha but in your entire community and to your sphere of influence in Port Harcourt.

You were a generous man with a large heart. You were ready to assist whoever came to you for help. You were very accommodating to all. You never discriminated amongst the numerous visitors to your household.
You took care of all to the best of your ability even if it cost you your comfort and convenience. I still remember those days in port Harcourt when your kinsmen gather in your house to enjoy your wife's rich salad and other well prepared delicases day in day out wow!!!.
You lived an enviable Christian life
A core catholic who dedicated himself to the service of God, man and the church that was why you were conferred with the prestigious title of the order of knight of St. Johns international.

Your good virtue of humility and obedience cannot be overrated. Everyone who knew you and had an encounter with you testified to those virtues of yours and mourning your passing. May God console us all? Amen.
I can never forget your love for me right from the day you married my sister and friend. A personality per excellence with all the big ladies around the corner, you chose me from the village and in my early twenties to be your CHIEF BRIDE'S MAID. Thank you, sir, for such a great honour because of your love for your people you chose to do your wedding in your local church. C.K.C. Umunchi. I, your parishioners the whole of Umunchi and Isiala Mbano and your invitees from far and near were opportune to wine and dine with the “WHITES” that attended your wedding from your company 'Flag Aluminum/Alcan Aluminum port Harcourt rivers state. May God reward you sir.

When I was posted to central school Okohia to lead the school, I came to you for an accommodation , you were with men of timber and caliber who came to listen to your words of wisdom, you still gave me audience when I told you what I came for, sir you did not hesitate to give me keys of the house.

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You did not only make me a tenant but a land lady. God bless you sir.
When I was younger all my holidays were in your house, you and my siste4r will entertain me lavishly. My going back home attracted a large package. My parents never joked with you and your wife.

Thank you, sir, for being there for me when I had problems in my marriage. If not you and your wife's counseling hmm!!!
A rare husband to my sister/ friend, a rare dad to your lovely God-given reasonable children and an unquantifiable guardian and monitor to your siblings, in-laws, friends and associates.
Thank you, sir, for identifying with the hopeless by giving them hope. Thank you for identifying with the priests (the apostles of Christ on earth) and with the religious. Thank you also for identifying with the church of God on earth through your dedication and services. God said in the book of wisdom chapter 3:1-3, “The souls of the righteous are I the hands of God and no evil will be fall them”. May it be your portion in Jesus Name Amen.

Eventually, you see your brother knight sir Ossy Nwakire please extends my warmest regards to him. The Angels of God have ushered you and him into Gods kingdom. You are dead but your legacy lives on and am written on the end of time eternal rest grant him oh; Lord and let perpetual light shine upon Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze Ebubedike Iwuoha, Amen. Rest in peace till we meet to part no more. You will not die again.

Adieu Sir…
Anthonia Progress Nwakire

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TRIBUTE FOR A STATESMAN, CHIEF ENGR. BENJAMIN IWUOHA

I make this tribute to a man of the people who has gone home to be with the Lord. While he was here with us, he touched so many lives. Although it is true that only good things are said about the dead, in his case, it is true, and he will be remembered by all who knew him because of the kind and good-natured person he was.

He was a loving husband to his wife and a good father not only to his children but to all those who knew him. He will be in our hearts forever for making everyone around him feel better, for he cared deeply for others.

Rest in peace, my friend, for your light and legacy live on. Till we meet to part no more. Farewell.

Dr. Anthony and Dr. Mrs. Ijeoma Opara

TRIBUTE TO A KIND UNCLE:

Brother, as most of us that grew in your house fondly call you; you took me as a child to leave with you and your family, during those periods though short, I experienced love, and the act of kindness shown to me which remains ever green in my heart
Brother, you were a disciplinarian, and you didn't condole any kind of nonsense committed by any body and that helped me as I grew up.

I missed contact with you and your family for years but January 2nd, 2025, I heard you came home and I had to come to the house to see you, you gave me a bottle of wine, and I held it so firmly and announced to all that came around me then that my uncle whom I have not seen for years gave me a bottle of wine which I must drink of it. I said to myself, this year I will see more of you but we as humans cannot decide what happens tomorrow. God have done that which pleased Him. Continue to rest in peace till we meet to part no more.

Brother, you will be greatly missed but your name and deeds remain in our hearts.
Ga- ije gi nke oma!

Rest in peace till we meet again on the resurrection morning.

Nkeiruka Eugene.

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TRIBUTE TO A FINE GENTLEMAN

The world calls him Sir Iwuoha but to us in O.C. Muanya's family, we call him Ezenwa's dad or Aunty Christie's husband.
He was someone I have known all my life. The husband to my mother's best friend. He was a gentleman, a man of the people and a noble man.

He had always been in the forefront of both religious and family bonding activities; this made him a Knight of repute of the KSJI for several decades. He also served as the chairman of Trans Amadi zone. He was a guardian/ benefactor to numerous people of repute. Going down memory lane, his home was never short of relatives at every point of time.

As a pioneer member of Rumuigbo Zone of Mater Misericordia Parish in Port Harcourt where he remained the only one among his contemporaries who was attending meetings not up on till his health took a toll on him.

There is no doubt that my uncle, has lived a good life on his earthly journey and has gone to be with the Lord peacefully as good men like him do.

Rest in peace Uncle, until we meet at the resurrection morning.
Adaobi Emeanuru (Nee Muanya).

TRIBUTE TO MY COUSIN, LATE ENGR. BENJAMIN. A. IWUOHA

Dede Benji, you have gone to be with the Lord, and we cannot question God. The story of my life is incomplete without you. As a young graduate, your connection got me the first Job and while living in your house, I met my husband. You are part and parcel of my present position.

Your Kindness, Humanitarian gesture is top notch. No one that, has been around you without getting the vibe of your Goodness, Accommodativeness and Liberality.
You are gone but your Legacies will live forever to speak in the life of your kids, even to your great grand generations unborn. We Love you, but God Loves you the most.

RIP Dede Benji.

Mrs Rita Agwu-Kalu.
Cousin

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TRIBUTE TO A GREAT MAN

We received the news of your death with great sadness. Having spent time with you when you visited your daughter in the UK, it was really a huge shock to hear that you have passed on.

You lived a life of service, and you touched so many lives in your community and the world at large. You were a force to reckon with, a very honest man who always fight for the underprivileged, you loved God even to the very end. Umunchi has lost one of its finest.
We take solace that you fought the good fight and is now resting with your maker.
Rest on Dee Benji until we meet to part no more

Mrs & Mrs IG Ewuzie

UK

A SAINT HAS GONE TO BE WITH HIS CREATOR

Dee, I still can't believe that death has taken you away from us. Words alone cannot express the magnitude of grief we felt on hearing of your passing. Your departure left a vacuum, too large to fill. Even though we know that you have passed on, our hearts cannot accept the reality of your absence.

From a very young age, my family was drawn to your warmth and kindness. Your presence brought a sense of joy and comfort in the lives of my children when we took refuge at your house in Nkpogu, during the Okujagu crisis. My children still give testimonies of your kindness towards them during their stay.

Dee you were a source of light and inspiration to us as we bid you farewell; we take comfort in knowing that your love and kindness will forever remain in our hearts. Adieu, God be with you till me we meet again.

From
Mr and Mrs Cornelius Obialor's family

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GOOD NIGHT DEE BENJI

With a heart full of love and gratitude to God, I celebrate the life of my friend, maternal uncle, great adviser, Dee Benji. A man whose kindness, wisdom and warmth made a lasting impact on all who knew him.

Dee Benji, you were a source of strength a guiding light, and a constant reminder of what it means to love unconditionally. You brought a lasting light to your community Umunchi. You lifted men and women from that community. You fed them, found genuine employments for them. Indeed, your house was their resort. Some of them who fed on your table hated you because of your stand for the truth.
You had a heart so big to embrace all. Whether through your comforting words your, your unwavering support or the little acts of kindness that meant so much, you touched lives in ways that will never be forgotten.

Though you are no longer on this planet earth, your works lives on in our hearts. The lessons, your love and your beautiful memories will remain indelible in the hearts of those who love you.

I am very confident you slept in the Lord and resting in His bosom now. The history of your final passage is a great testimony of a child of God.
May our good Lord and SAVIOUR Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit continue to comfort and console your wife Christy, your children grand children and your entire household.
Goodnight Dee Benji.

Andi Maduka-Jamlech (Nwa Dibia Ji Tea Agwo Oria).
On behalf of Jamlech (Iwuanyanwu) family.

LIFETEAGROUP

A TRIBUTE TO MY IN-LAW

We honour the life of a man who stood as a pillar of strength, wisdom, and quiet dignity, my daughter's father-in-law. Though not bound by blood, you became family through love, shared moments, and the bond we built through our children.
You raised a son who became a wonderful partner to my daughter, a reflection of your guidance values and character. For that, I will always be grateful.

Your presence was calm and reassuring your words few, but meaningful, and your heart generous.

You lived with integrity and left behind a legacy of kindness, respect, and deep family devotion.Though you may be gone from our sight, your spirit lives on.REST IN PEACE SIR IWUOHA, Knowing your impact will be felt for generations to come.

DR. Elizabeth Malize

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A TRIBUTE TO ENGINEER BENJAMIN IWUOHA

"Brother," as we fondly call you those days, the last time I saw you, it never occurred to me that I'll be writing a tribute to you too soon. However, the Bible says there's a time to be born and a time to die. You've lived your life, and you lived it well. Your life was marked with every sense of generosity and impact. You did not live for yourself alone. You lived for people, both far and near relatives. Your home was a succour and peaceful abode to many. You were a ladder many climbed to get somewhere in life. You were so accommodating and generous beyond what I can describe. Those days, I remember how crowded the house used to be, yet full of laughter and joy. People from different families, yet we all felt at home because your family, through your leadership, accepted everyone with an open heart. Your sense of humour was so contagious that everyone in the house cracks jokes and laughs freely. Yet you were so firm and intentional when it comes to discipline and correction, a man of unwavering principles.

To your children, you were the best father anyone could desire to have. To your wife - aunty Christy (your "C") you were the best husband any woman could dream to have. To Umunchi community, you were light and eyes to many, a beacon of light guiding many to destiny.
Your name became a household name in every community where your path of destiny crossed.

You loved God and never allowed anything to come between you and your relationship with God. Though you are gone to be with God, yet you still live on because part of your life still lives in the lives of many that you poured your life into.
Therefore, we give glory to the Lord God Almighty for the life He gave to you and His grace upon upon your life for a meaningful, useful, and impactful life.

You'll certainly be missed.
Adieu "brother".

From From Oluchi Ogu, nee Osuji.

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A TRIBUTE TO ENGR. SIR BENJAMIN IWUOHA

Sir Benjy-Iwuoha,
A soldier of Christ and the church; and a gentleman in talk and deed.

Knowing and relating with you have left its marks on me. I particularly relish and thank you for the honour you bestowed on me and its attendant responsibility regardless of tribe. You were indeed detribalized.

I and the entire Abdullahi clan pray for, the repose of your gentle soul and for the family you left, the fortitude to bear the loss.

Tanko Samaila Abdullahi, PhD.

FROM MR AND MRS KARAGAMA

It's hard to believe you're gone, Sir.

Your legacy will live on through the love and values you instilled in your children. You had been like a father to us through the way you related with us. You were the one who always made efforts to reach out to know how we were doing... We will surely miss you. Wherever you are, you are gone, but you will never be forgotten.

Rest in peace with your maker, Sir.
The Karagamas

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TRIBUTE TO SIR BENJAMIN A IWUOHA

I met Sir Iwuoha for the first time during his daughter's (Boma) wedding. Although we didn't have much of a conversation, his calm demeanor confirmed all that I had heard about him before that time.

Two years later, I had the opportunity of working closely with him as the editor of his book. What struck me the most about his personality was how he had all his ideas lined up in a row. He knew what he wanted and put in the work as much as he could. He was gentle in describing his thoughts and was quick to work on adjustments. It felt warm to know that even though I was much younger he respectfully paid attention to my recommendations on the direction of his book.

I felt a profound sense of fulfillment working with him as it felt just like working with my own father who passed years ago. I was eager to tell his story and am still committed to bring his journey, thoughts and ideas to life.
We will all miss his presence here, but we are consoled that he is in a better place with the Lord.
My condolence goes to the family he has left behind, most especially my dear friend Boma Wesley – Onugha (nee Benjy-Iwuoha).

Adieu Sir B A Iwuoha!
Eruke Ojuederie.

TRIBUTE TO A NOBLE MAN AND DEVOUT CATHOLIC

Late Engineer Benjamin Alaeze Iwuoha was a devoted husband of more than four decades, father, uncle, and grandfather.

He was a peaceful man with a good heart and a devout Catholic. Hence, he was honoured with the Knighthood of St John International (KSJI).

He loved his family deeply and was ever present in their lives. He was a remarkable man. It is disheartening to know that he is not here with us, but his spirit is, and we are left with endless memories of him that we will hold on to and find solace in.
Goodbye, my birthday, mate.

May you rest peacefully in the bosom of our lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.
Ebitimi Okpofaa (Nee Inoru)
Boma's friend

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A TRIBUTE TO A CRYSTAL OF HIS DAY – AN IRREPLACEABLE DIRECTOR

As goal, direction and destination that marks the end of every mortal and it is inevitable for the rich, poor, small, great, young and old, that is "DEATH". Oh death, you finally snatched away my director/father. Well, it is well for it is written "To live is Christ and to die is gain".

Sir, as we call you, it is a pity that money does not stop one from ageing or dying. You lived an exemplary life worthy of emulation. You were a special breed, a rare gem, a peacemaker, a man of integrity and a child of God to the core. Truly, I was fortunate to have you as a director/father.

I can never forget your consistent encouragement, advises and prayers for me and my children. We will forever miss u sir.

Peacemaker, you have fought a good fight, you kept the faith. The crown of glory awaits you. We shall meet at the resurrection morning.

Your Secretary
(Bagica Enterprises)
Blessing Eze

TRIBUTE TO A NOBLE MAN

The first time I heard about your passing, I was worried about the wife you left behind. I saw you as the kind of companion a woman would genuinely miss because you were a very kind person. Your countenance was warm and fatherly, and I sincerely admired you as a father.
Everyone I know that knew you spoke highly of you. You were an educated man with Godly integrity.

Keep resting peacefully Sir!
Laifa Jibromah

Tribute to:
LATE SIR BENJAMIN IWUOHA

As we bid farewell to Sir Benjamin Iwuoha let us carry forward the love and laughter he brought into our lives. Though he may no longer be with us in body, his spirit will forever echo in our hearts, reminding us to cherish each moment and hold tight to the bonds of family. May his gentle soul rest in the bosom of the
Almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen

By
Nneka Benedeth and Uchechukwu Godwin Iwunze

The Measure of a Life: Faith, Friendship, and Foundations

A TRIBUTE TO LATE ENGR. NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA

FROM AMA – ISE UMUNCHI COMMUNITY.

Today, we honor the life of a man whose presence filled many hearts, many homes and many generations.

He was a man of strength and a steadfast heart; he did not need to speech loudly to be heard – his actions spoke for him.

With kindness in his hands and wisdom in his words, he lifted others, he made Numerous and remarkable memories in his community, his presence was felt in this community.

Though his absent, but his legacy lives on in the lives and everyone at large in this community.

Rest well, our brother, uncle and father. You will never be forgotten

Signed by
Chairman Ikechukwu Iwueke

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IKEMBA OF OSU-AMA

Alams Villa
Umuokono Umunachi
Osu-Ama
Imo State

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FCT Abuja
Tel: 08033059099

Dear Engr. Dayan Iwuoha

We received with great shock the news of the death of your beloved father, my brother knight, my ogoh ngogoh, Chief Sir Engr. Benjamin Iwuoha.

This is indeed a sad loss to us and particularly a challenging event for your siblings/mother given fond memories of the father love and family bounds shared over the years.

Whatsoever in this we are expected to is remain calm and prayerful, while the tempest rages; hoping that after thunder comes calm. God has an answer for every mystery of life good or bad. He knows why each situation obtains.

I therefore urge you not to despair but be consoled by the fact that he left a worthy legacy as a fulfilled Man.

His demise will remain a big blow to the community and members of Knight of St. John International.

On behalf of the Alams Dynasty I convey our heartfelt condolences while praying the Good Lord to grant the family and us the Grace and fortitude to bear the loss.

Rest on Noble brother till we meet to part no more.

Adieu Noble brother

High Chief Sir Chukwuemeka Alams (ksji)
Ikemba Osu-Ama.

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HIGH CHIEF AUSTIN IFEANYICHUKWU IWUOHA

ADDRESS:
Plot 186 Rumuogba Housing Estate
Aba Road, Port Harcourt
Rivers State

19th May, 2025.

Lady Christy Iwuoha.

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

LATE ENGR. NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA (KSJI)

I, my wife Ijeoma and the entire Iwuoha's family, deeply regret the unfortunate incident of the death of your dear husband and patriarch of Bengy Iwuoha Dynasty Late Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze Iwuoha (KSJI). It is with a heavy heart and profound sadness that we extend our deepest condolences on the passing of your beloved husband.

I had the privilege of knowing Sir Ben as a very religious person. His accommodating quality and love of God and humanity are living testimony. He brought a lot of people out from the village and harbored them in his house without any discrimination to search for greener pasture. He constantly took the time and effort to make guests and even strangers welcome in his house.

I will always cherish the wonderful memories we shared as I was the best man during his wedding and he proposed the toast during my own wedding.

Though he may no longer be physically present his legacy of love, kindness and wisdom will live in the hearts of all who knew him. Lady Christy, we hope you can take comfort in the memories you shared with him and the love he showed throughout his life.

During this difficult time, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. May you find peace and strength in the days ahead and may his legacy continue to inspire and guide the entire family.

May the good Lord grant his soul eternal rest.

Once again, kindly accept our heartfelt sympathy.

High Chief Austin I. Iwuoha

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The Royal Ekejiuba Family
Umuokwararo, Umunachi Osuama,
Imo State, Nigeria.

Noble Lady Christiana Benjamin Iwuoha,
Port Harcourt.

May 10, 2025.

Dear Noble Sister Christy,

A CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

It was a rude shock to me and my family to hear of the death of Noble Brother Benjamin. We didn't hear of any sickness prior. We were in disbelief until I got you on the line. It is a very big loss to our two families judging from our relationship from many angles: a great in-law, a beloved friend and a Fraternal Brother of the Knights of St. John International (KSJI).

Noble Brother Benjamin was very active in the Church and his Community. His involvement in the building of his home Parish was massive as both the Community and the Priest in charge relied heavily on him for both financial and professional contributions that put the structures in place leading to the successful inauguration of the Parish.

Noble Brother Benjamin was a man I loved from the first day I met him when I came back to Port Harcourt in 1987. Not long after, I realized that I had met a good and reliable friend, an honest man full of integrity who was ready to assist in any way he could. Taking advantage of his better knowledge of Port Harcourt, he took time to help me settle in – a service I did not take for granted. Any wonder that I had him to sponsor one of my sons in baptism. When I joined the KSJI, he guided me during the initiation program and subsequently in my fitting in as a new member. The relationship between him and you, his spouse, was very cordial and worthy of emulation – a quality that spilled over to your children. Noble Brother Benjamin was a man who was quietly doing good in many ways. Truly, we in my family miss him a lot. His godson is very sad at his passing. The gentleman is gone.

With heavy hearts, we wish Noble Brother Benjamin a happy repose in the Lord's Bosom. We continue to remember him in our prayers. Please extend our condolences to your children, the Iwuoha extended family and your home Community in general.

Yours Fraternally,

Noble Bro. Adolphus Ekejiuba, KSJI,
(Agbawodikeizu)
For the Family.

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UMUARISIM AMA COMMUNITY UMUNCHI PIONEER YOUTHS

A TRIBUTE TO LATE ENGR. NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA FROM UMUARISIM AMA COMMUNITY UMUNCHI PIONEERS YOUTHS

A heartfelt message from Pioneer Youths of Umuarisim Ama Umunchi to our father, brother and Uncle who inspired us with his wisdoms, guided us with kindness and led by example.

Indeed, you shaped our dreams and believed in our potential –your impact on us will never be forgotten.

Your guidance lit our path, and your example taught us strength and humility, you stood for hope, integrity and compassion, we the pioneer youth honour your legacy with deep gratitude.

In your action we found courage you taught as move then words ever could.

Your Impact lives on in each of us.

Signed by

Mr. Ignatus Uzoma Unachukwu
Pioneer Youths President

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UMUARISIM AMA WOMEN ORGANIZATION
UMUNCHI – HOME AND ABROAD

TRIBUTE TO OUR IRREPLACEABLE BIG DADDY

On Behalf of the entire members of Umuarisim Woman Organization, it is hard to accept your death. We thank God for the glorious life you lived while on earth.

Daddy, what can we say? Truly words, tears and even this tribute cannot adequately express our actual feelings at your sudden departure.

What matters in life is not the number of years one lived here on earth but his relationship with God and humanity.

Sir Ben, as everyone can testify lived a very fulfilled, accomplished and exemplary life worthy of emulation. He was a friend of everyone. He was generous and hospitable. A man who will always come back to the village, visits every family along side with his gifts. We, Ihuorie women will greatly miss your BIG DADDY.

As it has pleased the Almighty God to call him home at this time, we urge our BIG MUMMY and her lovely children to bear this irreparable loss, hence we pray that the Almighty God will grant

Him eternal rest in His kingdom, AMEN!

EUGENNIA IWUANYANWU
(Chair Lady)

CHIKA IWUOHA
(Secretary)

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UMUARISIM-AMA, UMUNCHI

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Welfare Officer

15th May, 2025

The Family of
Late Engr, Sir B.A Iwuoha KSJ
Umuarisim-Ama Umunchi

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

On behalf of the executives and the entire members of the above Union, I write to commiserate with the family on the death of our Patron, Husband, Father, Grandfather and brother, **Engr. Sir B.A IWUOHA KSJ**.

Our dear brother lived an exemplary life worthy of emulation. Death is an inevitable end that awaits all mortals.

As we stand by you in this moment of grief, we pray that God Almighty grant the entire family the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss and also grant his soul eternal rest. Amen.

Chief Alaoma Francis Igbo
Chairman

Dr. Chinedu Iwuoha
Secretary

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His Royal Highness

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Engr. Ezenwa Iwuoha & Family

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

It is with sadness I write to commiserate with you on the death of your father and our community leader, **Sir Engr. Ben Alaeze Iwuoha.** My thoughts and prayers are with you in this trying time in the family.

Over the years, my family and the Iwuoha Family have had a relationship that is both deep and mutually beneficial. Therefore, anything that affects the Iwuoha's family must be of interest to me and members of my family. Accordingly, I share in the pain and grief which the death of Sir Engr. Ben Alaeze Iwuoha has caused.

I am aware that the passage of Sir Engr. Ben Alaeze Iwuoha has left a big vacuum in his family and Isiala Umuchi Ancient Kingdom for which he significantly contributed to its development. Be that as it may, I plead with you to take consolation in the fact that the Engr. led a meaningful life and made commendable contributions to the growth and development of our community.

He was an outstanding engineer and a businessman with focus and discipline.

He personal encouraged me significantly to marry my wife who is living with me peacefully up to date and I cannot forget that in a hurry. There is hardly anyone in our community he has not impacted his or her life in one way or the other in his life time.

As you mourn him, I urge you to do all you can to uphold his legacies for the good of his family and the community.

I assure you of my prayers and continued support.

Take heart and may his soul find eternal rest.

HRH Eze Ben Ohanyerem
Nnamyere Ugo III

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FOOTPRINTS IN FRAMES: HIS LIFE THROUGH THE LENS

Moments that Mattered

A curated visual narrative of his life in motion. From youth to his final days, family life to public service, celebrations to quiet moments, each photograph reveals a piece of the man behind the legacy. A gallery of memory, laughter, and love.

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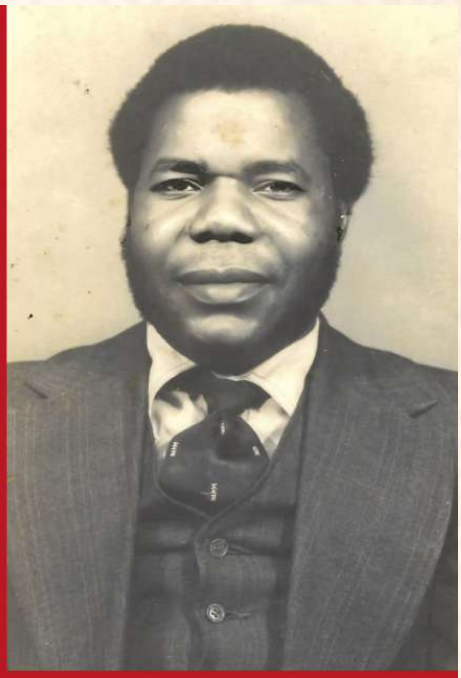

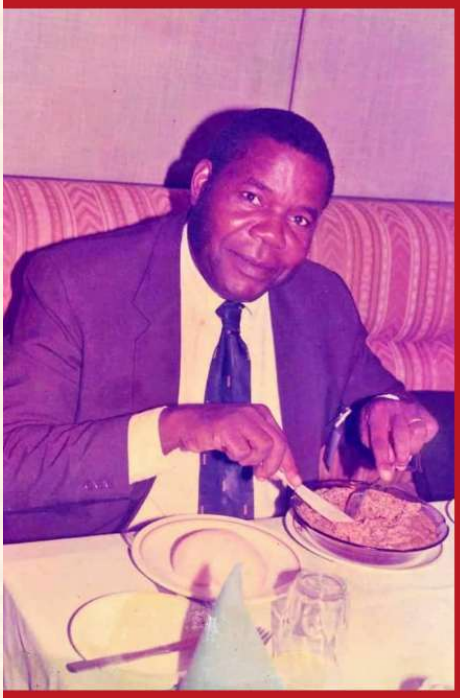

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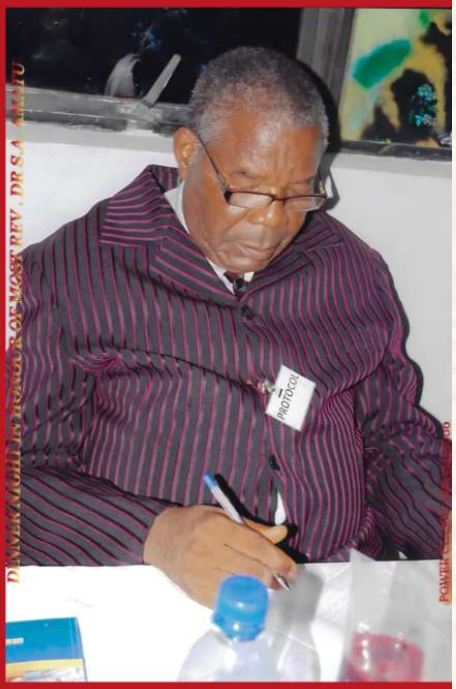

Two Hearts, One Journey (His Marriage)

The Beginning of Forever

A timeless vow made
before God,
family, and friends,
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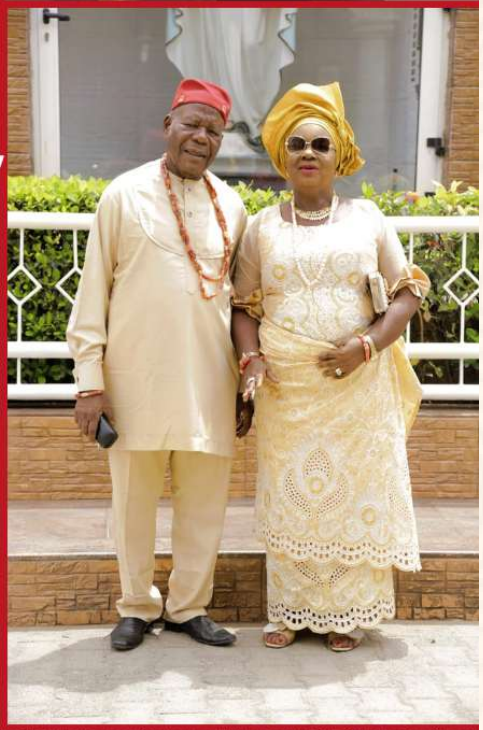
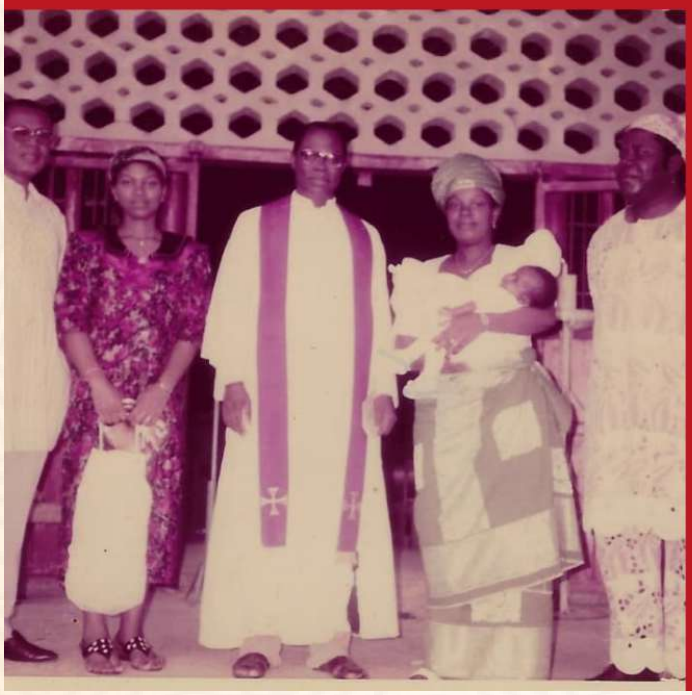


A Father's Steady Hand

Guiding with wisdom, correcting with love. His presence shaped lives and built strength.



Laughter, lessons, Legacy

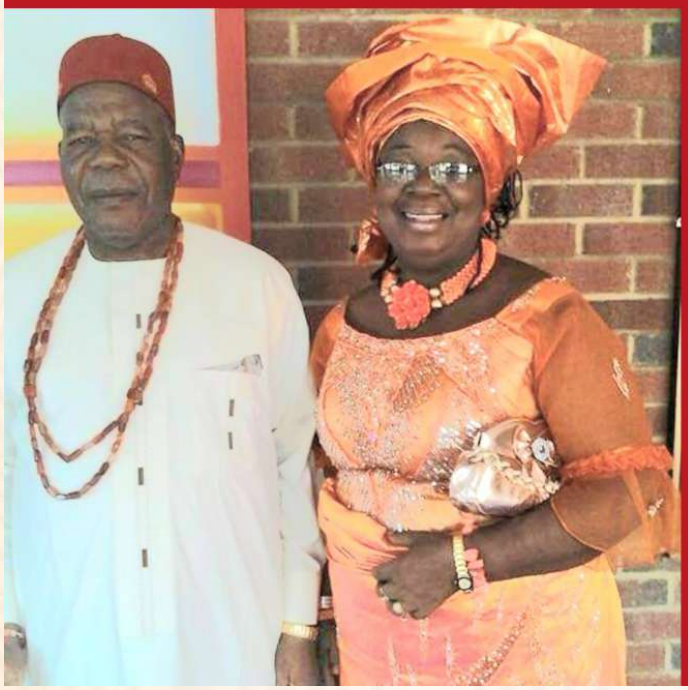
In everyday moments, he passed down values, memories, and the joy of belonging.

Present in Every Milestone

He celebrated birthdays, withnessed weddings, and stood with pride through every chapter of his children lives

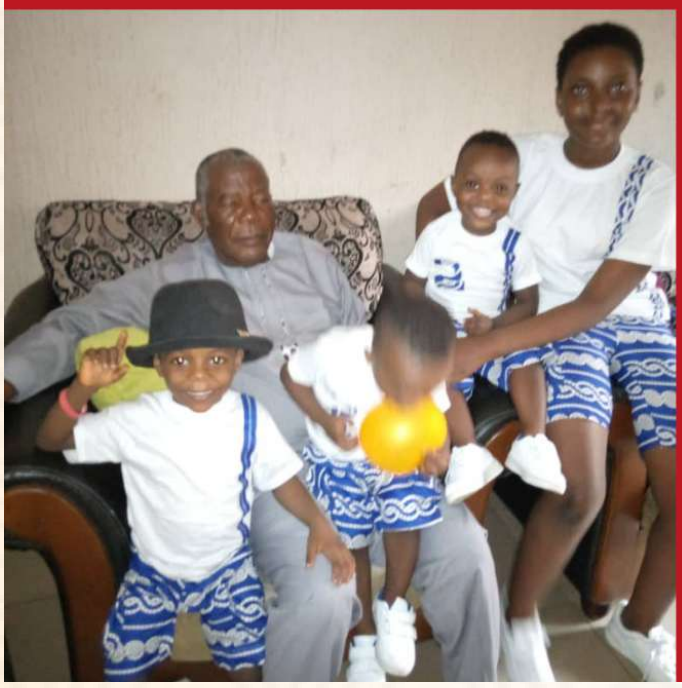
Togetherness that Mattered

Family dinners, holiday moments, and heartfelt conversations, he made time and presence his greatest gift.



Pillar of Support

In times of joy and challenge,
his calm strength was the
anchor his family leaned on.



Generations Blessed

From children to grandchildren,
his love endures, a foundation
that continues to hold.

Kindred Ties: With Brothers, Sisters & Kin

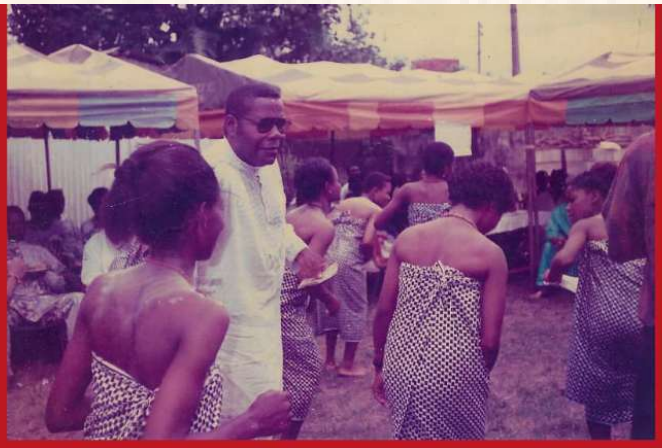
Candid, joyful, and treasured moments with siblings, extended family, and relatives, connections rooted in blood, respect, and memory.

In Good Company

Laughter shared,
memories made,
and friendships that
stood the test of time.

The Bonds That Endure

With family, colleagues and companions, he built a life rich in respect, loyalty, and shared purpose.

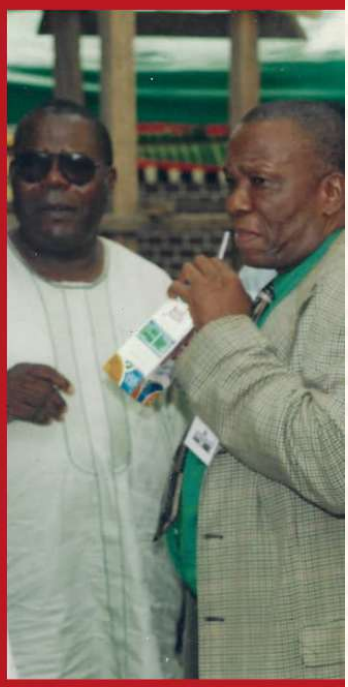


Joy in the Moment

His spirit was light, his smile steady. A beautiful trip marked by laughter, rest, and pure presence.

Living Fully

He embraced each day with ease and joy, capturing memories, sharing warmth, and simply enjoying life as he always did.



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A SOLDIER'S PATH, A MAN'S STORY

A special preview of his forthcoming memoir, **"A Soldier's Path, A Man's Story: The War Memoir of a Subaltern"**, a testimony of courage, conflict, and character. This chapter offers a synopsis and a glimpse of the book, preserving his voice and reflections for future generations.

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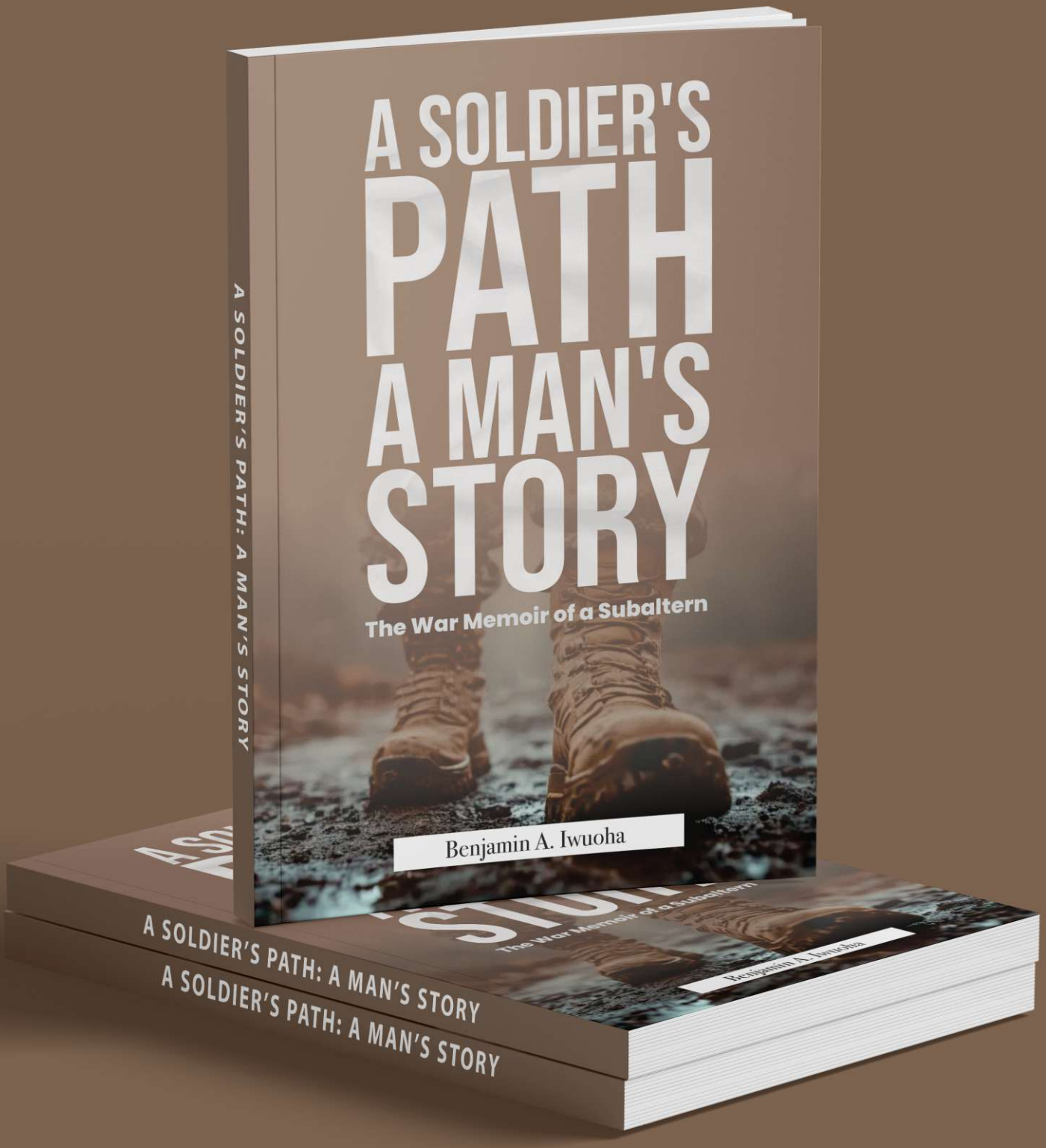
A SOLDIER'S PATH
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A Soldier's Path, A Man's Story

A Soldier's Path, A Man's Story
The War Memoir of a Subaltern
By Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze Iwuoha

Preface

Growing up in the eastern part of Nigeria, my youthful aspirations mirrored those of many Nigerian children: to live, study, and make a meaningful impact on the world. My dreams seemed attainable, yet fate had other plans. From enrolling in technical college with hopes of pursuing my goals, my path took an unexpected turn. I never imagined I would find myself in the army, let alone commanding a battalion. The boundaries between fear and responsibility blurred, and on numerous occasions, I faced life-threatening situations. Yet, luck and my "chi" guided me through.

It is only fitting that I share my account of this pivotal chapter in our history, not only to contribute to the existing body of knowledge but also to offer valuable lessons for future generations. The Nigerian Civil War (July 1967 - January 1970) profoundly shaped my life. It forged in me a resilience and determination that have guided me through life's challenges. Although reflections on the war's losses often leave a bitter taste, we must confront our past, for it has become the foundation upon which our future is built.

For years, I longed to share my thoughts and experiences, but as the saying goes, "the next best time to act is now." Now, in my later years, I look back on my life, remember the friends I lost, and reflect on my journey of recovery and rebuilding. I hope for a better future for the generations to come.

This book chronicles the events of war and details the actions taken by my comrades and me in the Biafran Army, all from my perspective. My intention is not to incite discord or unrest but to add to the historical record and leave a personal legacy.

It is my hope that this book will inform, educate, and inspire those who take the time to read it.

— Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze Iwuoha

Synopsis

A Soldier's Path, A Man's Story is a powerful memoir that captures the journey of a young man whose life was shaped by duty, conflict, and faith. From his early dreams of becoming an engineer to the harsh realities of the Biafran battlefield, Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze Iwuoha tells a story filled with courage, sacrifice, and resilience. This book provides rare insights into the life of a subaltern officer during the Nigerian Civil War, while also sharing universal truths about leadership, loss, and hope.

Through these pages, he honours fallen comrades, revisits key battles, and reflects on how war forged a lifetime of purpose. His memoir is both a historical contribution and a heartfelt testament one that reminds us all that even in the shadow of war, humanity endures.

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A FAREWELL IN CHAPTERS: ORDER OF FUNERAL

A dignified sequence of rites, programs, and gatherings in honour of his transition.

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Order of funeral

ORDER OF FUNERAL RITES

At the door of the church, the priest sprinkles the body with holy water beginning with the following

Priest: The Lord be with you
All: And with your spirit
(The Priest sprinkles the body with the holy water)

Priest:
I bless the body of **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** with the holy water that recalls his baptism of which Saint Paul writes "all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. By baptism into his death, we were buried together with him, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with Him by the likeness to His death, so shall we be united with Him by the likeness to His resurrection.

LET US PRAY

Lord, we humbly ask your mercy. Accept the soul of your servant, **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA**. Forgive the sins he has committed through human frailty, free him from the bonds of death and admit him into everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R: Amen.
(The body is taken into the Church)

FUNERAL MASS

OPENING PRAYER
O God, to whom it belongs to have mercy and to spare, we humbly entreat you for the soul of your servant, **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** whom you have summoned from this world, that you would not deliver him into the hands of the enemy, nor forget him forever, but bid your Holy Angels to receive him in paradise, since he has placed all his hope in you, may he not know the pains of hell, but bring him eternal happiness in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING
A reading from the book of Wisdom (Wis. 3:1-9)
Brethren, The souls of the virtuous is in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us like annihilation; but they are at peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessing be. God has put them to test and proved them worthy to be with Him; He has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust. When the time comes for his visitation, they will shine out; as sparks run through the stubble, so will they. They shall judge nations, rule over people and the Lord will be their King forever. Those who trust in Him will understand, for those who are faithful will live with the Lord in love, for grace and mercy await those he has Chosen.

The word of the Lord.
R: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Ps 22:1-4)*
Response: *In the Lord's own house, I shall dwell forever and ever*

1. The Lord is my shepherd
   There is nothing I shall want
   Fresh and green are the pastures
   Where He gives me repose
   Near restful waters
   He leads me
   To revive my drooping spirit **(R)**
2. He guides me along the right path
   He is true to His name
   If I should walk in the valley of darkness
   No evil would I fear

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You are there with your crook and your staff
With these you gave me comfort **(R)**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes
My head you have anointed with oil; My cup is overflowing **(R)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
All the days of my life
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
Forever and ever. **(R)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, as others who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who died in Jesus; God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

We can tell you from the Lord's own teaching that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the Archangel will call out the command and the Lord Himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air, so we shall stay with the Lord forever.

With such thoughts as these, then you should encourage one another.

The Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia (John, 11:25)

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and life, says the Lord, whosoever believes in me will never die", Alleluia

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 11:17–27

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus has already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary sat in the house.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord if you have been here, my brother would not have died. And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.

Jesus said to her "Your brother will rise again".

Martha, said to him, I know that he will rise again at the resurrection day.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life" he who believes in me shall never die, even if he dies, he shall live.

Do you believe that? I do believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who was to come into the world.

V: The Gospel of the Lord

R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray with faith and confidence to God our Father, who raised His Son Jesus Christ from death, that He may give comfort to the living and eternal rest to the dead.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

1. For our departed brother **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** may he who received the grace of baptism reap its fruits, as he enjoys the vision of God in the happiness of eternal life.
We pray to the Lord. (R)
2. For the forgiveness of sins as we remember with love and affection the life of our departed brother, **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE**

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IWUOHA may he always be in our prayers as we ask God's mercy to forgive his sins.
We pray to the Lord. (R)

3. For those who are left to mourn him; his children, relations and friends, and may be thinking today, not of the darkness of death but the light of resurrection, be consoled in the hope that they will meet him, their brother whom they have lost for a while.
We pray to the Lord. (R).
4. For the grace of a happy death; may the faith of our beloved brother inspire us for the rest of our days so that we may remain true to the faith which he has handed on to us.
We pray to the Lord. (R).
5. For the sick and suffering, that Jesus Christ who shows mercy, bestow upon them every heavenly blessing and restore them to lasting health of mind and body.
We pray to the Lord. (R).
6. For those who have passed from this life; that our Lord Jesus Christ to whom life belongs, may grant mercy their sins and welcome them into His kingdom of peace and glory.
We pray to the Lord. ®.

LET US PRAY

O Lord, may these humble petitions find favour in your presence for the salvation of **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** your servant, and for all who have died in Christ, Who is Lord forever and ever,
Amen.

PRAYER OVER GIFTS

Lord receive the gifts we offer for the salvation of **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** may Christ be merciful in judging our brother for he believed in Christ as his Lord and Saviour. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Anyone who lives and believes in me, even though he dies, will live; and anyone who lives and believes in me, will never die.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, God, Your Son Jesus Christ gave us the sacrament of His body and blood to guide us on our pilgrim way to Your Kingdom. May our brother, **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** who shared in the Eucharist come to the banquet of life which Christ has prepared for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

FINAL COMMENDATION

With faith in Jesus Christ, we reverently bring the body of our brother, **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** to be buried in its human imperfection. Let us pray with confidence to God who gives life to all things that He will raise up this mortal body to perfection in the company of saints. May God give him a merciful judgement and forgive all his sins. May Christ, the Good Shepherd lead him safely home to be at peace with God our Father, and may he be happy forever with all the saints in the presence of the Eternal King.
The coffin is sprinkled with holy water and incensed

CELEBRANT

V. Saints of God
R. Come to his aid
V. Come and meet him, angels of the Lord!
R. Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.
V. May Christ who called you, take you to Abraham's side.
R. Receive his soul and present him to God, the Most High.
V. Give him eternal rest, O Lord, and may Your Light shine on him forever.
R. Receive his soul and present him to God, the Most

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High.

LET US PRAY

Father, into your hands we commend our brother, **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA**. We are confident that all who have died in Christ, will be raised to life on the last day to live forever with Christ. We thank you for all the blessings you gave him in this life to show your fatherly care for all of us and the fellowship which is ours with the saints in Jesus Christ. Lord, hear our prayers; welcome your servant, **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** to paradise and help us to comfort each other with the assurance of our faith in Christ, to be with you and with our brother forever, through Christ our Lord, Amen.
May the angels lead you unto Paradise; the martyrs welcome you as you draw near into Jerusalem, the heavenly city.

RITE OF INTERMENT

Procession to the Grave
BLESSING OF THE GRAVE

Lord Jesus Christ, by the three days you lay in the tomb, You made holy the graves of all who believe in you; and even though their bodies lie in earth, they trust that they, like you, will rise again. Give your servant, **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** peaceful rest in this grave until that day when you, the Resurrection and Life will raise him up in glory. Then, may he see the light of your presence, Lord Jesus in the Kingdom where you live forever and ever, Amen.
The Chief Celebrant sprinkles the grave with holy water and incenses it, while the body is being placed into the grave

CELEBRANT:
Since it has pleased Almighty God to call our brother **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** from this life to Himself, we commit his body to the earth from which it was made. Christ was the first to rise from the dead, and we know that He will rise up our mortal bodies to **be like His in glory. We commend our brother, NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA to the Lord; may the Lord receive him into His peace and raise his body on the last day.**
The body is lowered into the grave
V. Lord have mercy
R. Lord have mercy
V. Christ have mercy
R. Christ have mercy
V. Lord have mercy
R. Lord have mercy
V. Our Father....

THE CELEBRANT CONTINUES

Let us pray for our brother, **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** to our Lord Jesus Christ who said; I am the resurrection and life, anyone who believes in me will live even if he dies and every living person who puts his faith in me will never suffer eternal death.

1. Lord, You wept at the death of Lazarus Your friend, comfort us in our sorrow. We ask this in faith (**R**)
   Lord hear our prayer.
2. You raised the dead to life, give your servant **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA**eternal rest. We ask this in faith (**R**)
3. You promised paradise to the thief who repented, bring your servant, **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA**to the joys of heaven. We ask this in faith (**R**)
4. Our Brother, **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA**was washed clean in baptism and anointed with oil of salvation, give him fellowship with the saints. We ask this in faith (**R**)
5. He was nourished with your body and blood, grant him a place in your heavenly kingdom. We ask this in faith (**R**)

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6. Comfort us in our sorrow at the death of our Brother **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** let our faith be our consolation and eternal life our hope. We ask this in faith (**R**)

LET US PRAY

Show your mercy Lord, to our departed brother, **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** since he strove to do your will, let him not be punished for wrong doing. And as he was united in true faith with all your faithful people, let him now, by your loving goodness, be united with your angels and saints, through Christ our Lord. Amen.
V. Eternal rest, grant him O Lord
R. And may perpetual light shine upon him
V. May he rest in peace
R. Amen

PRAYER FOR THE MOURNERS

Grant, O God that while we lament the departure of your servant **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** we may always remember that we are most certainly to follow him. Give us grace to prepare for that last hour, by a good life, that we may not be surprised by a sudden and un-provided death, but be ever watchful that when you call, we may enter into eternal glory, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

FOR THE DECEASED

May Mary, the most Virgin, Mother of God, kindest comforter of those who mourn, commend to her Son the soul of our brother **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** who has departed this life, that through her maternal intercession, he may quickly reach his longed for home in heaven and live there forever. Amen

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ORDER OF FUNERAL RITES IGBO VERSION

ỤZỌ EMUME ILI OZU
N'ọnụ ụzọ ụka, onye nchụaja na-asa ozu ahụ mmiri nsọ, na-amalite site na ihe ndị a

Ukochukkwu: Onye nweanyi nonyere unu
R. Nonyekwara muo gi
Ukọchukwu: Ejim mmiri nso agozi ahu **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** Mmiri nso na-chetara anyi nile emere baptism n'ime Jesu Kristi site na baptism baa n'onwu ya. Elikoro anyi na Kristi site baptism anyi mere were ruo n'onwu.Ya bu, dika Kristi si n'ike n'ebube nke Nna wee bilie na onwu, etu ahu kwa ka anyi ga-esi nwea ndu ohuru. Etu anyi na Ya si n'oyiyi onwu nke onwu Ya, o Tu a'kanyi na Ya ga-adikokwa n'otu n'ime mbilite n'onwu Ya.

KA ANYỊ RIO ARIRỊO:

Onyenwenayi, anyi ji obi umeala ario ebere Gi. Were obi oma nara mkpuruobi nwadibo Gi bu **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** . Mekwara ya ebere, O buru na O mehere site na adighi ike nke anu ahu, biko gbaghara ya. To hapu ya gbu nile nke onwu, ka O gafee na ndu ebighi ebi. Site na Kristi Onyenwenanyi.
R: Amen.

EKPERE MBIDO

O Chineke, Ngi ka O diri igosi ebere na mgbaghara mmeihe. Anyi ji obi umeala ario maka mkpuruobi nwadibo Gi bu **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** , onye i si n'ụwa nke a kpọrọ: abụakwụala ya n'aka onye iro, echefuukwa ya ebighiebi, ma tie iwu ka ndi Mmuo Ozi Gi nara ya, dubata ya n'ụlọ anyi nke di na Paradais. Ebe O tukwasara nchekwube ya na Ngiwa, k eweala Ko a mata ufụ nke oku- muo, ma kpụtana ya n'anuri nke di ebighịebighị n'ebe Siitena. Amen.

EMUME NKE OKWU
IHE OGUGU NKE MBU

Ihe ogugu nke a s; n'akụkwọ Amamịme (Wis. 3:1-9)
Ụmụnne; Akpụrọ obi ndi ezi omume no na aka Chineke, Ahuhu obula agaghi adakwasikwa ha ozọ. N'anya ndi nzuzu, ha nwuru onwu. Uwa ha hapuru bu nku ujo, ha diri anyi bu kwa oku.

Mana ha no n'udo, N'anya ndi mmadu, O bu ntarama ahuhu ka enyere ha, ma oleianya ha jupụtara n'uju nke anwu anwu. A tara ha obere ahuhu ma ha gaanata n'ukwu ugwo. Chineke n'onye oma anwaleela ha, were choputa na ha tosiiri ibinyere Ya.
O nuachala ha dika e si anucha oleado n'oku, bia nara ha dika anyasokudu. Mgbe oge nile taa biara, ha ga- achawaputa ka ihe, dika kerie oku si adoputa n'ukwu oku. Ha ga-achikota mba nile na mmadu nile, Chineke ga- abua eze ha ebighighi. Ndi ahu chekwubere na Ya, ga- aghoca eziokwu, ndi kwudosiri ike ga- ebinyere Ya n'hunanya, n'ihina amara na ebere na ebe ndi ahu, o na-echekwa ndi nkeYa nile.
Okwu nke Oseburuwa.
Az: Ekele diri Chukwu

ABU OMA: EKWEEAZAA

Aziza: *N'ulo nke Oninewu kam ga ebi ebighiebi ebighiebi*

1. Dinwenu bu onye nchem,
   O nwekwaghi ihe m ga-acho
   O na enyem m ezumike n'ebe ahihia ndu no
   O na-adugam n'akuku mmiri ezumike ndu'mine oma m duara. **Aziza**
2. O na-edim n'uzo ezi; Okwesiri aha Ya.
   O buru m na agaa n'ndagwurugwu nke ochichiri,
   Agaghim atu ihe ojoo obula egwu.
   Iji mkpaka isinkọ Gi na nkpo Gi n'oro n'ebe ahu,
   Nke a ka iji na-akasi m obi. **Aziza**

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3. Ikwadokwerem oriri N'hihu ndi iro m;
   Ijirila udetee m n'isi,
   Iko m eju feela oke. **Aziza**
4. Nezie, iheoma na obi ebere Gi
   Ga na-eso m ubochi nile nke ndu m,
   n'ulo nke
   Dinwenu
   Ka m ga-ebi ebebe ebebe. **Aziza**

IHEOGUGU NKEABUO

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'akwukwo Ozi mbu Pol di aso degara ndi (Tesalonika 4:13-18)
Umunna m, anyi choro ka unu mala eziokwu banyere ndi nwuru anwu, Ka O ghara iwe unu, Ka O siewute ndi ozo, ndi na enweghi olile anya. N'ihi na, ebe anyi kwere na Jesu nwuru wee sikwa n'onwu bilie ozo, anyi kwekwara na Chineke ga-akpọlite ndi nwuru anwu n'ime Kristi. N'ihi na nkuzi nke Onyenweanyi nke anyi na-akuziri unu bu nke a. Anyi bu ndi di ndu ubọchi Onyenweanyi ga-abia, agaghi eketa oke karịa ndi nwuru anwu.
N'ihi na mgbe onye ukwu moo oma jiri opi ike kpopu oku, Onyenweanyi n'onwe Ya ga-esi n'elu igwe ridata. Mgbe ahu ndi nile nwuru n'ime Kristi ga-ebu izizi ibilite. Mgbe ahu, anyi ndi di ndu na i hapụrụ, ka agaewelite, chikota anyi na ha n'ime urukpu, ebe anyi niile ga-ezute Onyenweanyi n'igwe. Otu a ka anyi na Onyenweanyi ga-ano mgbe nile. Ya mere werenụ okwu ndia na-akasiiri ibe unu obi.
Okwu nke Oseburuwa.
Aziza: Ekene diri Chukwu

MBEKU

Onyenweanyi kwuru si, “mu onwe m bu mbite onwu na ndu. Onye obula kwere na m, o gaghi anwu anwu”
Mbeku.

OZIOMA

Ihe ogugu nkaa sina Ozioma di Nso nke Jon dere: 11:17-27
Mgbe O batara na Bethani, Jesu furu na Lazarus anoghị n'ime ili ubọchi anọ. Bethani di mile abua bido na Jerusalem. Ma iberime ndi Juu bịakwutere Martha na Mary iji kasie ha obi maka nwanne ha nwoke.
Mgbe Martha nụrụ na Jesu abiago, ọpụtakwara izute ya n'ime ụlọ. Martha gwa Jesu si, Ọ buru na ị nọ ebea, nwanne m nwoke agaghị anwụ anwụ. Kama, a maara m na ọbụla i rịọrọ Nna gị bú Chineke, na ọ ga-emere gị ya.
Jesu zara ya si: Nwanne gị nwoke ga-ebilite ọzọ na mbọsi ikpeazụ.
Martha si, a maara m na ọ ga-ebilite ọzọ na mbọsi ikpeazụ.
Jesu si; Mu onwe m bụ mbite n'onwu na ndụ. Onye ọbụla kwere na m, ọ bụrụgodị na ọ nwụrụ anwụ, ọ ga-adị ndụ. Onye dị ndụ kwere na m, ọ gaghi anwụ anwụ mgbe ọ bụla.
Kwere na nke a? Martha si ya, ee Dinwenu, ekwere m na i bụ Kristi, Nwa nke Chukwu dị ndụ, Onye bịara n'ụwa a.
V. Ozioma nke Osebụrụwa
R. Otito diri gi Kristi

EKPERE NKE NDI KWEREEKU

Kaanyi kpee ekpere wee okwukwe na nchekwube n~ Chukwu Nna. onye binitere Nwa Ya Jesu Kristi n'onwu K'ony'e ndi ndu ntasi obi na ndi nwuru anwu ezumike ebighiebi.

1. Maka nwanne anyi nwoke, **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** , ka nwa Ya, bu onye natara grasia nke baptism nweata mkpuru ya n'uju mgbe ona ahu Chineke n'naghari nke uwa ebighebi.
   Anyi ario Gi Dinwenu. (R)
2. Maka mgbaghara nke njo mgbe anyi ji ifunanya echetara ndu nke nwanne anyi nwoke bu **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** , kaanyi mecha ta ek'kpere anyi mgbe nile n'ayo Chineke ebere Ya ma gbaghara njo ya.

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Anyi ario Gi Dinwenu. (R)

3. Maka ndi n'erurura ya ujo, umuyaa, umunne ya na enyi ya; ka ha ghara iche maka ochichi nke onwu, ma ka ha ncheta maka ihe nke mbilite n'onwu, ollie anyaa na gaafukolit a nwanne anyi nwanne ozo kasie onwe ha obi.

Anyi ario Gi Dinwenu. (R)

4. Maka grasia nke inwu omu nudo ji naguli; ka okwukwe nke nwanne anyi nwanwayi gagata anyi rue na ndi anyi nke S odiniru, k'anyii wee jisie ike n'okwukwe nke orapulu anyi.

Anyi ario Gi H Dinwenu. (R)

5. Maka ndi na ata afufu n'oya, ka Jesu Kristi n'egosi ebere wukwasi ha ebere nke si n'igwe nye ahu na mmuo ha ahu ike di ebebbe.

Anyi ario Gi Dinwenu. (R)

6. Maka ndi gafegolu n'uwa nkaa, ka Dinwenu anyi Jesu Kristi onye nwe ndu, meela ha ebere maka njo ha, ma n'abata ha na ala Eze Ya nke udo n'otito.

Anyi ario Gi Dinwenu. (R)

KA ANYI RIO ARIRO

O Dinwenu anyi, mee i'ariro ndia anyi ji umeani ario dim ma n'iru Gi maka ili nzoputa nke nwodibo Gi bu **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** , ya na maka ndi nine nwuru na Kristi bu Dinwenu ebebbe ebebe. **Amen.**

EKPERE NHUNYE

Dinwenu biko nebata onyinye anyi nenye maka nzoputa nke, **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** , ka Kristi mere ebere n'ikpe nwanne anyi nwamkpi ike maka no okwenerenye na Kristi bu Dinwenu ya na onye nzoputa ya. Anyi n'ario nke a site na Kristi Dinwenu anyi, Amen.

UKWE ORIRI NSO

Abu m mbilite n'onwu na ndu onye obula di ndu kwe na M, obuladi n'onwu ga-anu, onye obula nke di ndu kwekwaba na M,agaghi anwu maoli.

EKPERE AN ATASI ORIRI

Dinwenu Chukwu, Nwa gi bu Jesu Kristi nyelu anyi Sacrament nke aru Ya na obara Ya eji duu anyi na uzo njem naga n'ala eze Gi. Ka nwanne anyi nwoke **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** , onye nke ketara oke na Eucharist ahu, n'onye n'ori nke Kristi kwado bere anyi. Anyi n'ario nke a site na Kristi ahu Dinwenu anyi, Amen.

EKPERE NTOHAPUKEPAZU

Anyi ka O diri, dika ezigbo ndi otu Kristi, ili ahu mmadu n'uzo kwesiri ekwesi. Ya mere ka anyi jiri umeala n'obi Chineke, Onye n'enye ihe nile n'udo, ka okuliite ahu nwanne anyi bu **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** , onye anyi na-eli ugbu a n'adighi ike, n'onodu ndi nso na n'ikpe nke Muo Nso. Ka O mee ka O sonye n'otu ndi nso na nke ndi nile kwereenu gara aga. Ka o gosiri ya ebere n'ikpe nke O ga-ekpe ya. Nwanne anyi bukwa onye o jere e kwu gabapu, onye a kwughoro n'ime Kristi bu onye ka ya na Nna dikwa na bukwa n'ube aha nke eze. Onye Chineke mere ka o jee sonye na aha ebighebi.n'anuri nke n'enweghi okwuscha, n mmeko nke ndi nso nile.

ONYE ISI EMUME

V. Ndi nso nke Chukwu
R. Nyereny u aka
V. Ndi muo ozi nke Chineke,zutena ya
R. Naranu mkpuru obi ya duru ya duga n'ihu nke Onye kasi elu.
V. Ka Kristi Onye kpuru gi mara gi, ka ndi muo ozi duruo gi n'ezi obi Abraham.
R. Naranu mkpuru obi ya duru ya duga n'ihu nke Onye kasi elu.
V. Nye ya ezumike ebighi ebi Onye nweanyi mekwa ki'he di ebighiebi chakwasị ya.
R. Naraanu mkpụrụ obi ya duru ya duga n'ihu nke Onye kasi elu

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KA ANYỊ RIO ARIRỊO

Nna kasi obi oma, n'aka Gi ka anyị n'eti nye mkpụrụ obi nwanne anyị bu **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** . Anyi ji aka site na nchekwube anyi na ọ ga eso Kristi bilie ozọ n'ụbọchi ikpeazu, dika ndi nile na eweru nime Kristi. Anyi nyekele gi ekele maka ngozie nwa odibo gi na nke-a puru inwu anwu, ihe oma ndi ahu bukwa ihe iriba ama nke anyi ji amata Anumọ Gi, na mmekọ nke ndi nso n'ime Kristi. Ya mere, were ebere Gi. Onyenwenanyi, kpochieere nwa odibo Gi **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** onu uzo nke Paradais; nyekwaara anyi aka bu ndi ka no n'ụwa, ka anyị jiri nkwu nke okwukwe na aka nri kasị onwee anyi obi mmee na **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** ga esi nonyere gi oge nile,site na Dinwenu anyi. Amen.
Ka ndi muo ozi duba gi na Paradais, ko ndi e gburu n'aka i Chineke zute gi mgbe i na-abia; wee duru gi n'obod: nso, duru gi n'obodo abu na Jerusalem.

IGOZI ILI

Onyenwenayi Jesu Kristi, I noro n'ime ili mkpuru ubọcaoto, wee si otu ahu gozie ili nke ndi nile kwere na Gi. Ya mere ndi nile ahu ha di n'ime ili ji nwee nchekwube kari, na dika Gi, ha ga-esi n'onwu bilite ozọ. Biko, mee ka mkpuru obi **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** nwe ike inli n'udo rue na ta a nodokwa. Ka O noro ya rue mgbọ le Ga - ekuli ya, nye ya ile Gi. Onye bukwa mmilite n'onwu na ndu. Dinwenu anyi Jesu, mee ka obi ihe Gi n'alaeze eze Gi ibi n'achị ebighị ebighị, Amen.

ONYE ISI EMUME

Ebe Chinekeji ike nile kworo nwanneanyi nwoke, **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** , site n'ụwa jekwuor Ya, anyi na adonye ahu ya n'ala ka o si doha n'ebe a. Kristi bu onye mbu siri na onwu bilite, ya mere, anyi na-eche na ọ ga euniketukwa anyi onwu na ọ odi ka Ya na otito. N'ihi nkea, anyi na-etinye nwanne anyi nwanyi bu NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA n'aka Dinwenu, ka onara ya n'udo nke Ya, mekwaa. k'a hu ya bilite ozo n'ubochi ikpe zaa.

V. Onyenwanyi mee ebere
R. Onyenwanyi mee ebere
V. Kristi mee ebere
R. Kristi mee ebere
V. Onyenwanyi mee ebere
R. Onyenwanyi mee ebere
V. Nna anyi no'neligwe....

OYIISIEMUME: KANYI RIO ARIRIO

Ka anyi rio aririo maka nwanne anyi nwakoke bu **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** , ka anyi rio Onyenwanyi Jesu Kristi, Onye kwuru si: Mu Onwe m bu mbilite-n'ọnwụ na ndu. Onye ọ bula kwere na Mu, ọ bɔ n'adu ma asi na O nwuru anwu, O ga-adi ndu ozo. Onye di ndu adịbe, kwekwa na M, ọ gaghi anwu ma ọlị, rue mgbe ebighịebi.

1. Ka Gi, onye gbara anya mmiri n'ihi onwu Lazarus, huchaa anya anyi mmiri, anyi na-aririo gi Kristi (**R**)
   Anyị ario Gi n'uru olu anyi
2. Ka Gi, onye kpoghachiri ndi nwuru anwu na ndu, nye nwanne anyi, **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** , ndu ebighịebi. Anyi ario Gi Kristi (**R**)
3. Ka Gi, onye kwere onye ori nke chegharịrị nkwa inu paradais, nabata odibo Gi **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** , n'elu igwe. Anyi ario Gi Kristi (**R**)
4. E j mmiri nke baptism wuchapụ nwanne anyi bu **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** n'ijo ya, tekwaa ya mamnu nke nzoputa, ka I kpoputa ya n'otù ndi nso Gi. Anyi ario Gi Kristi (**R**)
5. E jiri oriri nso nke ahu Gi a obara Gi wee zuo

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ya. Nye ya oche na n'ụkụwụ nri nke alaeze Gi. Anyi ario Gi Kristi (**R**)

6. Anyi no nri ụjọ n'ihi onwu nwanne anyi nwanyi bu **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** , ka I jiri okwukwe na ọlile anya nke ndu ebighịebi kasie anyi obi. Anyi ario Gi Kristi (**R**)

KA ANYI RIO ARIRIO

Gosi nwanne anyi bu **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** , ebere (Dịnwụẹnụ, ebe obu na onwara okoya ime uche) ekwekwana ka ataa ya atụfu maka mmehie ya. Eti O okwukwe ya mee ka ya na ndi kewelun burt otu, we afoma Gi mee ka ya na ndi muoma na ndi nso bukwar otu. Anyi na'ario nkea sita na Kristi Dịnwụẹnụ anyi. Amen

V. Nye ya ezumike ebighibi Onyewanyi

R. Mekwa ka ihe Gi di ebighibi chakwasị ya

V. Ka ozuruike na ndokwa

R. Amen

EKPERE MAKA NDI NA – ERU-UJU

Ochukwu, anyi na-arịo, ebe anyi na akwa arịrị maka onwu nke nwadiọbị Gi **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** , ka an; na echeta mgbe nile na onwu nke anyi, na" biawanye isi Nye anyi grasia Gi iji kwado maka ubochi ikpeazụ ahu ka site n'ife ndi nma na idi mma mgbe nile. Ka anyi nberedị otu onwu advodoghị akwọda dika onwu anyi, kama ka anyi na-eche mgbe nile, ka O ga abụ mgbe ọ kporo anyi, ka anyi nwe ike iso banyị anuri ebighibi. Amen

MAKA ONYE NWURUANWU

Ka Maria nne Chukwu, nne dikasịrị obi ebere, onye nta obi ndi na-eru uju, hanye n'aka Nwa ya mkpuru obi nk odibo ya bu **NOBLE SIR BENJAMIN ALAEZE IWUOHA** , onye nke hapugon uwa nkea ka osite n'ekpere nke ya dika nne wee ike ir oso oso m'ulo obibi ahu on'atu anya ya n'eluigwe, biri n ya ebighibi, Amen.

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A guide to his hometown, clear directions and map for guests attending the final rites where he will be laid to rest.

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SCAN QR CODES FOR DIRECTIONS TO UMUNCHI PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE

Route 1:

Rockview Hotel Owerri to Umunchi Primary Health Centre

Route 2:

Alternate route to Umunchi Primary Health Centre

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SCAN QR CODES FOR DIRECTIONS TO UMUNCHI PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE

Route 3:

from Okigwe Road to Umunchi Primary Health Centre

Route 4:

from Orlu - Orlu Roundabout to Umunchi Primary Health Centre

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Appreciation

With hearts full of gratitude, we, the family of ***Late Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze–Ebubedike Iwuoha***, extend our deepest appreciation to everyone who has stood with us during this season of mourning and remembrance.

To our beloved friends, extended family, colleagues, parishioners, fellow Knights and Ladies of St. John International, neighbours, and well-wishers, we thank you. Your presence, prayers, calls, messages, tributes, and acts of kindness have been a great source of comfort to us. You have reminded us that while we have lost an extraordinary man, his impact lives on in the countless hearts he touched.

We especially thank those who travelled far and near to join us in celebrating his remarkable life, your sacrifice will never be forgotten. To the clergy and religious communities who held Masses and offered prayers, we are grateful for the spiritual strength you have provided.

As we bid farewell to a father, husband, brother, mentor, friend, and servant of God, we take solace in the legacy he built and the values he instilled. Our hearts ache, but they also swell with pride knowing that his life was one of meaning, service, and unwavering faith.

Thank you for honouring him with your love. May the Lord bless you richly and meet you at every point of need. May the legacy of *Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze Iwuoha* continue to shine as a guiding light for generations to come.

With love and gratitude,
The Iwuoha Family

More Than a Farewell

This Legacy Catalogue was born out of love and conviction. A belief that the life of Engr. Noble Sir Benjamin Alaeze–Ebubedike Iwuoha deserved more than a fleeting tribute. We could not reduce his extraordinary journey to a brochure or a few printed pages. His was a life of depth, of service, of profound impact, and it deserved to be remembered in full. This collection of stories, reflections, and memories is our way of preserving his essence for generations to come. May those who read these pages not only remember who he was but be inspired to live as he lived: with purpose, with faith, with humility, and with love.